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Deputy in shops call to boost business

THE deputy leader of Walsall Council has said that making Walsall more attractive to new businesses is a priority.

His comments come after figures showed that the number of shops closing in Walsall is higher than new ones opening, a new report has revealed.

Some 11 shops closed in the borough and only five opened during the first six months of this year. The figures mirror the trend across the West Midlands where 265 stores closed, but only 198 opened – a net loss of 67 shops.

Officials say they hope it will receive a boost through the £21 million Old Square Shopping Centre revamp with fashion giant Primark and the Mid-Counties Co-op moving in, and the work on the new development reached the half way phase last month.

Deputy council leader and regeneration chief Mohammad Nazir said bringing in businesses was key for the Labour group, which took over control of the council in August. He added: "I really want there to be focused work on this to make sure we can encourage businesses to come to Walsall. We will work on assisting and supporting them if they choose to come here."

Standards of schools hope

PLANS to improve struggling schools across Walsall following a damning Ofsted report will include better support for new headteachers and encouraging stronger leadership.

An action plan is being drawn up by the council after an inspection in the summer found that the number of children in inadequate schools was too high. It includes improving the quality of teaching and children's attendance by involving schools, parents and education services to increase learning ability.

COLLAPSE ALERT OVER 16ft BANK

THE safety of pedestrians and road users may be at risk from the collapse of a 16ft high embankment at a former car parts factory in Walsall.

A new report has highlighted the dangers for members of the public at the old GKN Driveline site, which is poised to become a business park but enforcement action is now being sought demanding work is stopped.

A council report on the plans states that an earth embankment, up to 16ft high, has been created without planning permission on the boundary of Middlemore Lane West and an adjacent service road.

It claims the safety of pedestrians and road users have been put at risk as a result. Walsall Council planning chiefs are being asked to support action to issue an enforcement notice which will demand work to stop and a scheme to be submitted to the authority on how it will be reduced in size or removed.

Prosecutions

The earth embankment is on the north western corner of the site. It is several feet higher than the fence which separates it from the footpath. As a precaution, highway engineers have closed the path. If councillors give their backing today, the issue will have to be resolved within six months of an enforcement notice coming into effect or prosecutions could be brought.

In a report to this afternoon's council planning committee, planning chief David Elsworth said: "The embankment presents an immediate risk in the view of the local planning authority to public safety with regard to the potential collapse of the bank."

By Lisa O'Brien

"The works undertaken have not been supported by the submission of any evidence from a recognised civil engineer or other qualified person able to verify the stability of the bank and are likely to present a risk to users of adjacent property and the public highway."

The work to build the bank is also claimed to have harmed trees surrounding the site.

Mr Elsworth added: "The parking of vehicles atop of the embankment on the elevated plateau created through the unauthorised works has resulted in an unsafe form of parking provision on land believed by the local planning authority to be unstable."

Concerns have also been raised the materials used to create the 'earth bank' may pose a risk to human health or the environment.

The old GKN Driveline site housed more than 200 workers before they were moved to a centre of excellence in Birmingham more than four years ago.

Since then developers have moved onto the former factory site in Middlemore Lane West, Aldridge, to turn it into a thriving industrial estate after pledging to invest £4 million.

Wendy hopes for runaway success



Wendy Cole, of Bloxwich, right, with fellow runners Tracey Pound, Dawn Wale, Sue Green, and Julie Pound, all of Tamworth

A WOMAN who underwent treatment for breast cancer is tackling her first half-marathon on Sunday.

Mother-of-two Wendy Cole, who lives in Bloxwich, was diagnosed on Valentine's Day in 2008 at the age of 47 and had to have a mastectomy. After being given the all-clear for now at her yearly check-up in February, the 53-year-old decided to push herself to the limit and take on a 13-mile run to raise money for a breast cancer charity.

She will be running the half marathon with four of her work colleagues and her daughter Samantha, aged 27. Mrs Cole, who works at an insurance

brokers in Tamworth, said: "I was diagnosed with cancer on Valentine's Day six years ago. I had a cyst and I was sent to hospital. There they did some tests and found four different sized cancerous lumps. I had to have a mastectomy. Luckily I didn't have to go through chemotherapy but I had radiotherapy."

At her final yearly check-up, doctors found no signs of any cancerous lumps and she now has to have a mammogram every three years.

Mrs Cole took part in Race for Life at Walsall Arboretum in May and decided to sign up for the Bupa Great Birmingham Run on April Fools' Day.

She continued: "I sent a text message to my husband Stephen saying I had signed up and he thought I was winding him up. I'd never really done any running before I did Race for Life."

Mrs Cole and those running with her are raising money for Walsall Breast Care Support Group which is based at Bescot Stadium. Members meet twice a month and Mrs Cole is on the committee. So far the women have managed to raise £2,200 but hope to push the amount up to more than £2,500.

To sponsor Mrs Cole go to www.just-giving.com/prizm-solutions

University to pay for retraining of nurses

A UNIVERSITY is to fund up to 80 former nurses to complete a course in Walsall and return to the profession. The Return to Nursing Practice course at the Walsall campus of the University of Wolverhampton enables qualified nurses to meet the requirements to re-register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

It would cost students £1,500 if they paid for it themselves. The drive is part of a national recruitment campaign to encourage people back into the job and plug a chronic shortage.

The NHS faces one of the worst crises in nursing staff levels in its 66-year history. Thousands of nurses are urgently needed in hospitals all over the country, with a rise in the number of nurses leaving the profession cited as key reasons for the shortfall.

Health Education West Midlands (HEWM) and Health Education England (HEE) are providing funding for students on the course up to the end of March 2015, with additional financial support for travel, childcare and book costs.

Course leader Jackie Mitchell said: "Providing a high standard of care is paramount, and this course enables nurses to regain confidence."

Speeding to be tackled

NEW speed limit signs will be put up and road markings painted in streets plagued by boy racers hitting speeds of more than 90mph.

It follows years of campaigning by residents in Cavendish Road and St Stephenson Avenue in Beechdale, Walsall.

The work will be carried out later this month. Ward councillor Chris Jones said: "If these measures save one life or prevent one accident then all that hard work will have been worth it."

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Father tells of hole left by son's death

THE family of Jamey Coleman have spoken of 'the hole in their lives' after he was knocked down by a car and killed in Brownhills.

The 24-year-old warehouseman, of Springhill Road, Brownhills, died from severe head injuries after he was hit by a Peugeot 206 on a pedestrian crossing on the A5 Watling Street, on March 31 during a night out with friends. The driver Beth-

any Ward from Great Wyrley gave 'no comment' replies when called to give evidence at an inquest into his death on Monday.

She is due to be sentenced at Walsall Magistrates Court today after admitting leaving the scene of an accident, failing to report the collision and driving without a licence. Pc Stuart Thorpe said that fibres from Mr Coleman's grey tracksuit

matched those found on the car and that glass fragments on his clothes were 'very likely' to have come from the Peugeot.

However there were no tyre skid marks or vehicle debris left on the road and the nearest speed camera was at Muckley Corner, 1.5 miles away. As a result the police were unable to estimate what speed Ward was doing at the time of the

collision. Ward, manager of Ben & Jerry's Restaurant in Nuneaton denied any knowledge of the collision claiming she had hit a deer. She estimated her speed at between 50 and 60mph at the time of the crash near The Parade at 3.20am.

Gary Coleman, Jamey's father, said: "His death has left a massive hole in the family that cannot be filled."

Concern grows for teenager



Missing – Umerubab Irani

POLICE are growing concerned for a 14-year-old girl who has been missing from her home in Walsall since last Monday.

Umerubab Irani was last seen at her house in Hart Street, Caldmore, at 6pm on Monday, telling her parents she was going to see a friend. When she failed to return home, her parents made numerous efforts to try and find her before reporting her missing.

Sgt Joanne Wilkinson said: "We are doing all we can to trace Umerubab, who sometimes calls herself Amira or Hanna, and has links to Dudley, Manchester and Nottingham."

Umerubab is described as Asian, 5ft 9ins tall, with long straight, black hair and looks older than her years. Anyone with information can call police on 101 or the charity Missing People on 116 000.

Views sought on cutbacks

A THOUSAND residents have been cold-called to answer questions about where the axe should fall at Walsall Council, it has emerged.

The authority has launched a public consultation as it faces £85 million of cuts over the next four years. And as part of that an independent research agency has done 1,000 telephone interviews with a random sample of residents.

The calls were made from 9am to 9pm on weekdays, and 10am to 4pm on weekends. The results will be used when the council considers its budget proposals.

Car crash injury

THREE cars were involved in a crash outside a pub in Bloxwich. The smash happened on the A4124 Bell Lane near to the Sir Robert Peel Pub on Sunday at around 8.30pm. Police closed the road. A woman passenger suffered neck and back injuries.

Crackdown on yobs nets off-road bikes

SCORES of off-road bikes have been seized by police as they crack down on yobs tearing through streets and beauty spots in Walsall.

Forty of the mopeds and quad bikes have been taken by officers after a spate of complaints they were racing around The Lea in Blakenall. And patrols have also been stepped up in Pheasey Park Farm, Bloxwich and Bentley after similar problems.

MP calls to make plans for victory

ONE of Labour's longest serving MPs has pleaded with his party not to settle for coalition with the Liberal Democrats, following a Tory lead in the opinion polls.

David Winnick said the party should be focused on winning an outright majority at the next election. The 81-year-old – who is standing for another five-year term next May – first became an MP in 1966, representing Croydon South. He has represented Walsall North consistently since 1979.

He spoke out after Labour veteran John Prescott criticised the party's performance at its annual conference, where the atmosphere was described as 'flat'. "We need to win as broad a support as possible and not work for a coalition," Mr Winnick said.

"I have thought from the start we have to work all out for a working majority and any question of coalition with the Liberal Democrats or anyone else does not arise now. It's completely wrong to consider it."

Mr Winnick's comments come as Labour came within a few hundred votes of losing a seat in Greater Manchester to UKIP.

Officers in Bentley say the vehicles are difficult to catch as they often speed off through woodland along paths when they arrive.

Residents have complained about the bikes doing circuits of open land around Bentley so extra police are now being deployed to catch the culprits.

In Blakenall, police have caught groups of youths in the act and have managed to block off their escape to seize their bikes.

And they say they expect even more to be seized in the coming weeks as they continue their campaign.

Another hotspot is Doe Bank Park in Pheasey, where four warning notices have been issued after scooters were seen wreaking havoc. CCTV cameras have been installed in Collingwood Drive and Beechey Close where there is access to Doe Bank park.

Blakenall neighbourhood policeman Sgt Jim Nixon said: "There are regular high visibility patrols on The Lea and surrounding fields. A number of youths have been identified and there is ongoing partnership work with Walsall Council and Walsall Housing Group.

"Where appropriate acceptable behaviour contracts are served on the youths to tackle their offending behaviour.

"These contracts are closely monitored by the Blakenall Team and our partners. To date 40-plus off-road bikes have been seized from The Lea and surrounding areas."

Queuing up for Curio goodies



Spencer Evans, who runs the Curio Shop with an Aladdins cave of interesting items

IT has been a feature in Walsall for 45 years. But this antique shop pulls in visitors from across the world. A local directory from the 1950s, a metal canal bridge sign and an original photograph of Walsall's outdoor market are just some of the new arrivals at the Curio Shop.

And it's not just Black Country folk who flock to the shop in George Street to pick up a quirky item or two.

The shop is a worldwide hit, according to owner Spencer Evans, with customers

visiting from as far away as South Korea or America. Mr Evans said: "We've had some really interesting items come into us. New things come in all the time. There's an army of collectors out there."

On the shelf at the moment is a Walsall red book, a local directory.

Mr Evans added: "They are really useful for people researching their family trees."

Mr Evans has owned the shop since 1992 but the Curio Shop has been in Walsall since 1969.

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Housing group in award for service

A LANDLORD has beaten some household names to scoop the best ever customer service score in a prestigious award.

Walsall Housing Group handles 250,000 telephone calls a year via its customer contact centre at its Hatherton Street head office, and had transformed the way it approached customer service to achieve the score.

The social homes provider introduced new opening hours and focussed its efforts of improving the quality of its service.

As a result it scored of 7.01 in the highly-rated customer experience audit, a measure of an organisation's standards.

Consultancy firm Mpathy Plus carried out a check of 200 random customer calls. Scores of companies, including Vodafone, First Direct and Standard Life, have taken the same audit in the last two decades and WHG came out on top, beating BUPA's previous record.

WHG customer contact centre manager Helen Roberts said: "We are absolutely delighted to break the record, particularly when you consider some of the big names we have topped. Most importantly this is great news for our customers."

Blackspot work starts

WORK to get revamp a notorious accident blackspot in Sandwell gets under way soon.

Traffic lights will be installed at the junction of Hagley Road West and Galton Road in Bearwood. Twenty-one people have been injured in crashes at the junction over the past five years.

Most of the crashes there involved vehicles which were turning right into Galton Road from Hagley Road West.

Now the new plan would see traffic controlled on the dual carriageway.

Town flag boost

THE official flag of Willenhall will fly outside the town's library after council chiefs granted the go-ahead.

An application for a flag pole in Walsall Street has been approved by Walsall Council. There was a competition to design the flag earlier this year.

Pub's revamp set to unlock a new future



The Red Lion, set to be The Keymaster

AROUND 60 new jobs are being created over the coming months as a landmark pub is transformed into part of the Hungry Horse chain.

The Willenhall pub, formerly known as the Red Lion, is currently undergoing a major refurbishment before it reopens in December – in time for the Christmas season – as The Keymaster, renamed in tribute to

Willenhall's ties to the lock-making industry. Hungry Horse is part of the Suffolk-based Greene King brewing and pubs chain.

The company, which says its is making a 'substantial investment' in the project, is now advertising for 60 full and part time workers for the pub, on Wolverhampton Road West.

Matt Brown, business unit director for Hungry Horse,

said: "We are very excited about this addition to Hungry Horse. Changing the name was not just to show that this is a fresh start for the pub but also because being part of the local community is important to us."

Work inside the pub, which began a month ago, includes knocking through the old function room to create a spacious open plan area offering a con-

temporary look throughout and will include HD TVs, leather booth seating areas complete with their own TVs and a play area for children.

The company says the pub will aim to offer 'great value' on its range of soft drinks, wines, lagers and real ales and on the Hungry Horse food menu, renowned for its sizeable Big Plate Specials.

Hundreds in protest over fresh plan for apartments

FRESH plans for a controversial residential development in an upmarket area of Walsall have sparked hundreds of objections.

Councillors are being recommended to back the scheme, despite angry neighbours having added their signatures to a petition. A new application has been put forward for apartments in Woodside Close, Park Hall, despite six previous rejections by Walsall Council planners.

There have been previous concerns about the location of a substation and appeals have also been dismissed by the planning inspectorate. A seventh application was not even considered by councillors in January last year after they decided it has not addressed issues.

The fresh proposal for the 14 apartment scheme in three blocks has been submitted to the council and is being recommended for approval by planning officers.

The existing buildings on the site, six one-bedroom flats and a two-storey house, would be demolished to make way for the properties.

A report to the committee states the latest plan is different from the most recent refusal due to the siting of the substation and moving the blocks closer together.

However, a 287-name petition has been collected in opposition to the scheme along with 41 letters of objection. These relate to the prominent location of a sub station, the building would be out of character and would lead to a loss of

by Craig Hughes

privacy. Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz has also also objected.

Paddock councillor Rose Martin has previously fought against plans for apartments. "Practically every single household in the area signed the petition," she said. "It is too high a density for the area, there is no amenity space and not enough parking. As far as the residents are concerned nothing has changed. They are extremely angry."

In his report, head of planning David Elsworth says: "In response to the last appeal decision, the design of the substation now better relates to the proposed residential blocks, it no longer contrasts stridently with them, but its design is considered to sit comfortably within the proposed development."

Despite concerns over the design of the residential blocks, planning appeals have found the size, scale and appearance would be consistent with the area.

Nursery school plan due

A NURSERY school in Walsall wants to expand to create more space for future pupils, under new plans.

An extra modular block could be built at Alumwell Nursery which is expected to create more part-time posts.

The proposals for the site in Primley Avenue have been submitted to Walsall Council for consideration in the coming months. It will link with the existing nursery and it is anticipated up to eight new roles could be created.



Six year old Maria Marklew, from who has entered a beauty pageant in Paris.

Maria in hope for pageant success

A SIX-YEAR-OLD girl is hoping to impress on the catwalk after reaching the final of an international beauty pageant in France.

Willenhall school pupil Maria Marklew will be up against youngsters from across the world at the Face Of The Globe contest being held at Disneyland Paris.

Mother Wallis Drew says it was the first contest her daughter has entered. She has already beat off competition in a London heat to make it through to the French finals next Saturday. Mrs Drew said: "Maria is really excited for the final. The family is going over to Paris to support her."

To compete in the London heat she had to raise money for charity. She managed to collect £460 for the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity.

At the final later this month she will have to make a speech. Five girls, including Fibbersley Park Primary School pupil Maria, are in the final. If she wins she will be crowned Mini Miss Face of the Globe.

Staff at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton, where Maria's brother Gareth, nine, receives regular treatment for his cystic fibrosis, have supported Maria and donated cash.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Library tragedy after man in fall

A MAN died after falling from the Library of Birmingham. The man fell from a floor outside the library in Cambridge Street on Wednesday night just before 7pm.

He died at the scene. Police have said they are not treating his death as suspicious. His next of kin have been informed.

A Birmingham City Council spokesman said: "We are saddened by the death of this man and our sympathies are with his family. We are talking to the police and supporting our staff at the library."

Collision victim taken to hospital

A MAN was taken to hospital with neck and back injuries after a crash involving two cars in Great Barr.

The incident occurred when a Citroen Saxo collided with a BMW that was stationary at traffic lights on Newton Road at around 10.30pm on Wednesday.

Emergency crews attended the scene. The road was closed off for more than an hour while the vehicles were removed. A 21-year-old male passenger in the Citroen was taken to Sandwell Hospital.

Thespiis show due by troupe

A RARE performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's very first full length operetta – Thespiis – is being staged by Birmingham Savoyards. The troupe, which specialises in G&R productions, is staging the operetta at The Old Rep in Station Street, Birmingham on Saturday, October 25, at 3pm.

Tickets at £10 a time, are available from Mrs A Barnbrook on 0121 242 2791, or email tickets@birmingham-savoyards.org.uk

Resurfacing to see road closed

A ROAD will be closed for the latter part of this week during carriageway resurfacing work being carried out in Darlaston next week.

The work is taking place on Crescent Road, between the junction of Walsall Road and Victoria Road, with restrictions in place from 6pm to 6am Wednesday to Friday.

Church jumble

A JUMBLE sale will take place at a church in Darlaston on Thursday.

The event will happen at Darlaston Methodist Church, Slater Street, from 2pm.

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IF screening for Ebola fever is introduced at British airports, will it fill you with confidence? If travellers' tales are to be believed, the current anti-terrorist screening procedure seems to specialise in picking on little old ladies from Worthing for full body scans, and waving through anyone in a burka. If the same people were in charge of Ebola screening, they would subject hale and hearty visitors from Finland to the full treatment while cheerfully opening the doors to sickly, feverish arrivals from Liberia. Political correctness could be the death of us.

HAVE you noticed how the various armies in Iraq or Syria never capture a dull, unimportant or insignificant place? Is there a single town in the region that is not key, landmark, crucial, holy or of strategic importance?

ROSAMUND PIKE, star of *Gone Girl*, says some folk these days expect too much of marriage: "People have ridiculous expectations of a mate." How true. You have only to look at wedding photographs from 40 years ago to see how attitudes have changed. In the 1970s we lived under the shadow of the Bomb, so we tended to live for the moment. As far as I can recall, expectations had not been invented. If we had seriously thought about the future we would never have worn those lapels.

A READER takes me to task for referring to over-60s getting the winter fuel payment. In fact, to qualify for the coming winter's £200 you must have been born on or before July 5, 1952. The bad news is younger folk won't get the payment. The good news is that the bad news will probably make them very hot under the collar, thus saving on fuel.

I STAND accused of cowardice. A reader says I lacked the bottle, in a recent item on Fanny Cradock, to mention one of television's best-loved bloopers. It is widely believed that, as one show ended, the great chef's partner Johnnie turned to the camera and said: "I hope all your doughnuts turn out like Fanny's." Great yarn, shame about the facts. There is, as far as I am aware, no recording of this supposed incident. The alleged words have been attributed to several others, including Frank Bough. The truth, I suspect, is that it never happened. It just sounds as though it should have happened, which is the basis of so many urban myths.

BARRY Williams shot five people dead in a rampage in 1978. He was locked up in Broadmoor for 14 years until he was judged safe to be released under monitoring. He changed his name to Harry Street, moved to Birmingham, fell out with the neighbours, collected an arsenal of weapons and built a bomb. As you do. He was put back behind bars this week under the Mental Health Act. All of which raises a very obvious question. When the wild-eyed British jihadist trickle back from Syria and are jailed, will the decision to release them be made by the same sort of people who thought Barry Williams was no risk?

A READER tells me he shared my puzzlement on seeing the sales slogan: "Elderly walk in showers." He says he was looking for a new shower, not an elderly one.

ANOTHER reader says she's cracked the dilemma of charities who ask for money but will accept it only through direct debit payments. Cheerfully ignoring all the payment instructions on a leaflet from Water Aid, she simply sent an old-fashioned cheque to the address. It was duly cashed.

I HAVE not given up on the campaign to rename the grey wagtail whose name does not do it justice. I have contacted the RSPB but have not had a reply. Not a chirp.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Gallery named an underrated gem



Art gallery manager Stephen Snoddy

IT has dominated the skyline for 14 years – and now the New Art Gallery in Walsall has been included in a list of the 100 most underrated buildings in the country. It features in a new exhibition in London that also includes Selfridges in Birmingham and Preston Bus Station.

The gallery has become famed among Walsall residents for its design which towers over nearby

buildings – but when it first opened there were worries that it was too modern. But organisers of the event argue it does not get enough credit nationally for its use of different-shaped windows and the step-like design of the roof's shape.

The Caruso St John architects firm came up with design after winning an international design competition. An image of the gallery features in the Royal Academy

of Art's exhibition '100 Buildings 100 Years'. It looks at buildings that have 'polarised opinion' in the most architecturally diverse period in Britain's history.

The display looks at one building for each year from 1914 to 2014 – picked by supporters of the Twentieth Century Society – which exists to safeguard the heritage of architecture and design in Britain from 1914 onwards.

Eight ops cancelled as staff join picket line

EIGHT operations had to be cancelled in Walsall when health staff went on strike in a row over pay.

Scores of nurses, midwives and ambulance staff took part in the strike across the region on Monday. Around 100 workers set up a picket line outside Walsall Manor Hospital as a four-hour walkout took place.

They were armed with placards, flags and leaflets as the action was taken over the Government's refusal to sanction an across-the-board one per cent pay rise.

Bosses say that the operations cancelled, were non-emergency and are being rearranged and added that patients were given advance notice.

Great-grandmother Jo Westwood, aged 61, from Willenhall, who works in the children's outpatients department at the Manor, said: "They are not paying us properly, we haven't had a decent pay rise in four years. I know nurses that have got two or three jobs just to meet ends meet."

"Electricity has gone up, gas has gone up, I can't think of anything that has gone down. We will always go the extra mile to help. The Government is exploiting the goodwill."

Yasica Patel, 35, of Walsall, who is a rescue co-ordinator for theatres at the hospital, said: "We are working for nothing in the NHS, we put the extra hours

by Craig Hughes

in and they don't pay us for the hours. This Government doesn't seem to appreciate how hard we work."

Unison official Howard Mower said: "Enough is enough, we have drawn a line in the sand and we are taking action to fight for their pay and conditions. Workloads have increased for staff across the NHS, given thousands of hours in unpaid time every year."

"All of them work their breaks and a lot of them work extra hours all out of goodwill. Morale is very low, staff feel under-valued, all they want to do is feel valued."

Richard Cattell, chief operating officer of Walsall NHS Healthcare Trust, said: "Arrangements were made to ensure all of our critical services remained fully operational therefore maintaining patient safety and wellbeing. We are pleased to say that for the most part the trust continued to operate as normal."

Problems on traffic

SPEEDING vehicles and cars clogging up the road in part of the Black Country could be a 'lethal mix' it has been claimed. The problem in Coltham Road, Willenhall, has been highlighted by residents and councillors.

Councillor Ian Shires said he was raising the parking issue with Walsall Council. He said: "This coupled with the speed of some of the traffic on this road is a potentially lethal mix." The public are being encouraged to give their views through his mycouncillor.org.uk page.

Concerns have been raised previously about the lack of off-street parking across New Invention and Short Heath.

TV final inspires young bakers



Children and parents gather round the presentation table to await the judges' decision

BUDDING young cooks and their parent helpers have gone head-to-head in a bid to be crowned star baker.

Inspired by the final of The Great British Bake Off, Hydesville Tower School in Walsall hosted its own baking battle between nursery and reception pupils.

Pupils baked their favourite cake in the school's new food tech room and with a little help from parents and staff, had to follow strict competition rules. Contestants had 30 minutes preparation time, 30 minutes

cooking time and 30 minutes for their creation to cool and be decorated.

Headmaster Andrew McGinnes and Deputy Head Gill Whitehouse judged the baking. Reception pupil Veer Atwal and nursery children Mehtaab Singh Sidhu and Ibrahim Pervez were awarded first place.

The competition involved 34 children aged three to five and was organised by head of nursery, Sam Smith. She said: "It was lovely to see all the children and parents engaged in a hive of activity."

Launch of App to help with problems

A NEW phone app is being launched by an NHS trust offering advice on mental health. Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust has put together the app to increase awareness of various conditions.

It will include advice on what action to take if someone is feeling depressed, and information on the warning signs to look out for. Health bosses say people can often be confused about what help is available or who they should talk to. But they are also warning that anyone with genuine concerns about their health should speak to their GP as a priority.

Chief Executive Gary Graham said: "We are delighted to launch WellMind, our first ever app, which has been developed over the last 18 months by our staff and service users. Stress, depression and anxiety are all common mental health problems and we hope that people across the country will find it a useful tool to find out more about and access advice and support."

The WellMind app is available to download free from the App Store. It comes as health chiefs in Staffordshire launch a drive to improve care for people with mental health problems.

Investment £250m boost

WALSALL Housing Group has attracted £250 million in investments to allow it to build hundreds of new properties. The landlord in charge of 19,000 homes raised the funds by issuing a 30-year bond.

The finance will help the borough's biggest landlord to build 900 homes within the next three years.

Chief executive Gary Fulford said: "This shows the high levels of confidence investors have in our organisation."

The bond which is due to mature in 2045 has a fixed interest rate of 4.25pc.

More patrols

PATROLS have been stepped up following problems with prostitutes, drugs and noise on an estate in Walsall. Police and Walsall Housing Group community safety team have carried out evening patrols in Caldmere. They are to continue around the Orlando Estate.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Repairs begin on leaking centre roof

THE roof at Walsall Civic Centre is undergoing repairs after it was found to be leaking.

Scaffolding has gone up outside the building to allow the work to be carried out. Walsall Council's interim head of property services John Stevens said the lead flashing and joints will be fixed within the next four weeks.

"Scaffolding has been erected along part of the front of the civic centre. The building which was constructed in 1975 now requires maintenance work and repairs."

Death of man is not suspicious

THE death of a man after police were called to reports of trouble in a Walsall street is not being treated as suspicious, the force has confirmed.

The man, who has not been identified but believed to be in his 40s, died in hospital after officers were called to Highgate Road, Caldmore, at around 9pm last Monday.

Police spokeswoman Deb Edmonds said: "Following a post mortem the death is being treated as unexplained."

£250,000 pitch plan at campus

A NEW £250,000 flood-lit all-weather pitch is to be created at a university complex on the border of Walsall and Sandwell.

The Aston University sports site in Birmingham Road has received funding from Sport England to complete the project. It will replace the synthetic pitch which has suffered from flooding problems and will be open to students and the community.

Choir in concert to help centre

A CHARITY concert, in aid of the Beacon Centre for the Blind, and organised through the centre and Willenhall Rugby Club, is due on Saturday from 7pm.

It features the Cor y Brythoniad male voice choir at Colton Hills Community School, Jeremy Road. Tickets are £9 and available on the door or by calling 01902 607747.

Boy hit by car

A BOY had to be taken to hospital by after being hit by a car in Walsall. The four-year-old was struck by the vehicle in The Crescent at about 7.30pm last night. His injuries were not believed to be serious.

Hospital A&E wait times are off target

MANOR Hospital has been fined £120,000 because patients waiting in the A&E department have not been seen quickly enough. People turning up to the department this year have had to wait longer to be seen even though fewer patients have been going through the doors.

The trust which runs the hospital has been told to pay the cash for failing to meet its four hour target between July and September this year. A total of 88 per cent of patients were seen within four hours or less during the three month period, although the national benchmark is 95 per cent.

During that time just over 22,500 patients were seen in A&E compared to 23,183 in the same period in 2013 when 94.1 per cent of patients were seen inside the target. Bosses at the hospital have insisted they have been consistently busy but said there has been improvement in the last few weeks.

Salma Ali, accountable officer for Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, which has imposed the fine, said: "These fines are re-invested in the health system to improve services for Walsall patients," he added.

Start of BGT bandwagon

ASPIRING stars will have the chance to audition for Britain's Got Talent this month. The talent show will be holding open auditions in Birmingham on October 26, 27 and 28 at the International Convention Centre, Broad Street.

Held from 11am to 6pm each day, the show is looking for wonderful, weird and astounding acts. The open auditions are at 11 cities in the UK and Ireland between October and December.

Those interested in applying for the open auditions can do so at www.itv.com/talent

Car crime spree

MORE than a dozen cars have been stolen, damaged or broken into during a crime spree in and around Pelsall over the last month. Police warn motorists to ensure cars are locked as they say at least 14 vehicles have been targeted since the start of September.

Group £200k short of bank collapse cash

A HOUSING group that invested £2 million in a doomed Icelandic bank has still not received all of its money back – six years after it collapsed.

Walsall's former Caldmore Area Housing Association which is now known as Caldmoreaccord is still £200,000 short of re-cooping its cash even though it has been trying to claw it back for four years.

The group, which looks after more than 7,200 homes, joined forces with other UK charities that had also invested in the col-

lapsed Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander (KSF) bank in an attempt to get its money returned back in 2010. The £2m investment was due to mature in 2009. It launched legal action with other charities against the bank.

At the time of the bank's collapse, association bosses said there were sufficient cash reserves saved in its Royal Bank of Scotland account to keep it going.

But the social landlord, which has offices in Caldmore Green, Caldmore, and in King

Street, Darlaston and in Sandwell, has since merged operations with Accord Group to secure its future. Kaupthing ran into trouble six years ago after it invested in European retail groups, racking up debts of more than £3 billion, to help fund British deals.

Other charities which had invested in the bank included the Cats Protection League.

The social housing landlord has maintained it was confident of getting back the money. In a statement Caldmoreaccord said: "We have no further update at this

time but we continue to work closely with the bank's liquidators to recover remaining outstanding balances."

The association went back into the black in 2011 after merging operations with West Bromwich based Accord to cope with the Icelandic banking crisis.

Wyre Forest District Council which invested a total of £9m in Icelandic banks has reclaimed more than £6.7m. It had also invested in Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander, and the Heritable and Landsbank banks.

Drugged up driver jailed after high speed chase

A BANNED driver was strung out on heroin when he smashed his car into a gate and lamp post after a high-speed police pursuit through the Black Country, a court heard.

Artaf Hussain, from Tipton, was spotted by officers in a patrol car, driving erratically on the Dudley Southern Bypass late on August 27 last year.

Closure of road starts for rail bid

A LEVEL crossing near the site where work on a replacement rail bridge is to get under way will remain open during the project.

Motorists in Bloxwich face four months of diversions and delays after work on a replacement rail bridge started on Monday. Work on the bridge in Central Drive will begin on October 14 and is expected to last until February 20, 2015.

The temporary road closure is part of the replacement rail bridge project which will pave the way for the £30 million electrification of the line. The bridge needs to be raised to run the trains on the Chase Lane.

It is one of four which needs such work with Broad Lane, Bloxwich, completed earlier this year and bridges at North Street and Park Street due to be increased in height in the future.

The adjacent level crossing at Reeves Street will remain open throughout.

Jobs boost bid

A BUSINESS in Willenhall, Powertrain, is looking to expand by building new premises, creating around a dozen jobs, under plans. Bosses hope to create 12 new jobs.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that when police put on their sirens the 28-year-old failed to stop and sped off towards Netherton. Hussain reached speeds of up to 60mph and repeatedly flashed his lights on and off.

The court was told that after passing the Peartree Lane roundabout he continued down Cinder Bank, swerving across the road before turning onto The Sling.

The court was told Hussain, who worked in The Spice Lounge restaurant in Willenhall, was serving a six-month driving ban when he committed the offence. He had also been disqualified from driving on two previous occasions.

Mr Brett Wilson, defending, told the court that Hussain's behaviour had been affected by the fact that he was smoking heroin before the incident.

He said: "The underlying feature of this offence is his addiction to drugs. Since he has been remanded in custody he has sobered up with the assistance of Subutex and no longer suffers the withdrawal symptoms from heroin."

Hussain, of Slater Street, Tipton, was jailed for 14 months and banned from driving for two years. He had previously denied dangerous driving and driving while disqualified. He was found guilty after a trial on August 1.

Diamond days recalled for couple



Celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary is Margaret Walkeden, and husband Fred Walkeden, of Great Wyrley

WHAT started as a friendship between co-workers at the Walsall Co-op turned into a happy marriage still going strong 60 years later. Celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary are Frank and Margaret Walkeden, who first met when she was just 15.

Working in the Walsall and District Co-op on Bloxwich High Street, Mrs Walkeden worked in the dry goods section of the shop, serving a range of sugar, tea, currants and dog biscuits.

Frank, who was 22 at the time, worked on the other side of the shop slicing bacon and serving butter in the provisions section.

Mrs Walkeden said: "Gradually we struck up a relationship, he started taking me to the pictures, Walsall then was full of picture houses and that was your courting. One and nine pennies are Frank and Margaret Walkeden, and your thought you were millionaires."

When she was 18, the pair got engaged and were married when she was 21. "We have had a wonderful, happy life and we are still together. Sixty years together," she said.

They had both enjoyed their jobs at the Co-op so much they had never worked anywhere else – Mr Walkeden retired at the age of 65, and Mrs Walk-

eden took early retirement when she was 57 due to back problems.

Initially living down the road when they first married, the Walkedens moved back to Frank's childhood home in Long Lane, Great Wyrley, when his parents died. Mr Walkeden, now 88, still lives there today.

Mrs Walkeden, 81, now lives at the Springfield House Care Home in Cod-sall.

The couple did not have children of their own, but Mrs Walkeden said she had a wonderful brother who had children who visited. The Walkedens celebrated with a beautiful cake.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

SOME of you may recall that a few weeks ago, I wrote about a mysterious company calling itself Access 2 Justice bugging me with unsolicited phone calls telling me I was entitled for compensation for injuries I did not receive in a car accident.

Despite my repeated pleadings that the only injury sustained in the collision was to the number plate, plus a bit of light bumper scuffing, the company, not to be confused with the reputable Access 2 Justice Foundation, has continued to bombard me with endless calls.

During the latest call from the elusive company, which does not have a website or any other visible means of contact, I asked if I could have an address so that I could write them a letter.

The caller, who up until that point had been charm personified, demanded to know why I would possibly want to know that, adding: "I hope you choke on your tea." Clearly nice people to do business with.

IN A 'searingly honest' interview with a red top – and by searingly honest, I of course mean attention-seeking – former soap actress Helen Flanagan declared: "I'm a very private person, but I want to be the next Kelly Brook."

Hmm. Would this be the same Helen Flanagan who took to the internet to show off her newly-enhanced assets? Or who had to endure a terrifying raid at her home after taking to Twitter to tell anyone who would listen that she was home alone? Apparently so. Indeed, even the interview in question was accompanied by two pages of pictures showing her in various states of undress.

One hates to think what this 'very private' person will do if she ever overcomes her shyness.

AT last, something to look forward to on television. The Apprentice is back.

Forget the boring bakers, simpering singers, and dreary dancers, people love The Apprentice because it is actually about real life. Of course, the TV bods can't resist trying to manipulate things, deliberately choosing boastful, confrontational candidates who will rub each other up the wrong way. But essentially it is about getting on with the sort of activities we can all relate to, without any 'journeys', 'emotional rollercoasters', tinkly piano music or crying blokes.

However, it is interesting to note that, despite having a record 20 candidates this year, the series is scheduled to run for just 14 episodes. So call me a cynic, but I would hazard a guess that there will be at least one occasion over the coming months where the lovely Lord Sugar loses his rag and spontaneously fires several candidates.

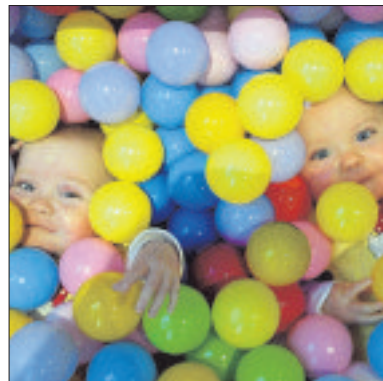
Not that I am suggesting it is stage managed in any way, you understand.



Ready for school – Felicity, right, holds Tiffany's



Day out – the cute twins dressed in identical outfits



The twins seen as babies in a ball play area

Sister act helping Felicity to develop

HELEN BROWN looks at how a set of twins' unique bond is helping a little girl deal with cerebral palsy

LIKE most twins Felicity Williams and her sister Tiffany are close. But the four-year-olds share more than most.

Felicity has cerebral palsy but has learned to cope with the difficulties thrown at her thanks to her sister – who she has copied to learn how to walk, talk and play.

The twins' proud mum and dad, Gary, aged 28, and Hayley, 27, from Walsall believe that it's thanks to the girls' special bond that Felicity has developed so well.

Hayley said: "We're so proud of our girls. Felicity has been able to watch her sister reach lots of milestones, and through copying has been able to reach them, too."

"Tiffany has shown her sister how to roll over and sit up, and even walk. When Felicity began to speak, she was saying words that she'd heard her sister say. Even now, as the girls learn to read, Tiffany will help Felicity sound out words."

The couple first noticed Tiffany's huge influence on her twin sister when the girls were learning to walk.

Worry

Hayley said: "We were starting to worry as Felicity had got to 18 months old and she still wasn't walking – the cerebral palsy has really affected her right leg so it was a concern."

"A physiotherapist came to the house to try and teach her some exercises to help her walk, but she just wasn't getting it. But then all of a sudden Tiffany stood up next to Felicity and showed her what to do. Felicity copied her sister immediately, and before we knew it she had learned to walk."



Four-year-old Felicity and Tiffany with their proud parents Gary and Hayley

She added: "It was amazing – even the therapists agree that watching and copying her sister has had a huge impact on her. We'd already started to wonder if Felicity was looking to Tiffany to teach her things, but this proved it for us."

Since then, Felicity has continued to copy her sister, and has continued to progress well. Hayley said: "Felicity is a little behind other children her age, but copying her sister has helped her develop."

"Felicity used to be nervous about

walking on grass – as she was a little unstable already with her leg she didn't really like it, but Tiffany would hold her hand and show her what to do, and now she's fine with it."

"Felicity has learned how to use felt tips and do jigsaws because Tiffany does them all the time, and will show her how they work. Even when they were learning to talk, Felicity would repeat her sister. Tiffany would ask us for a drink, and then before we knew it so would Felicity – it's really been incredible."

The twins were born two and a half months early in February 2010.

Hayley added: "We have always believed in Felicity and we know she'll do well, but Tiffany has made a huge difference to her."

"They certainly have that twin thing going on – they're soul mates."

She went on to say: "From day one Tiffany has been a source of help and encouragement to her sister – she's like a little mother hen."

She added: "Felicity is doing better and better each day, and she's achieving so much. We think that Tiffany has grown into a very compassionate child – whenever a child in her class is upset she'll always be the one to help."

"They've recently started dance classes together and they love it."

The girls' dad, Gary, said: "After initial breathing problems, Tiffany was doing really well, whilst Felicity developed a very serious bowel condition called neonatal necrotising enterocolitis – her bowel had started to die and it was spreading to her other intestines. We didn't know if she was going to make it, but luckily they were able to operate and save her life."

"After the operation they gave Felicity a brain scan and they noticed she had dark spots on her white brain matter. "We had no idea what this meant but the doctors explained she'd developed periventricular leukomalacia – a form of brain damage that can lead to cerebral palsy. We think she may have developed it due to the stress and trauma of her birth and operations but we'll never know 100 per cent."

"It was horrible to learn that Felicity had this, but each day she slowly got better, and six months later she was finally discharged. It was a huge relief."

Gary now aims to compete in the London Marathon next year in aid of Birmingham Children's hospital.

To help him fundraise, visit uk.virgin-moneygiving.com and search for Gary Williams.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

NEITHER Labour or the Tories want to approach the next election thinking about a coalition. The problem is, with the opinion polls still so close after the party conference season, they don't really have a choice.

The Conservatives finally got themselves a lead for the first time in two years. But it's hardly a done deal. For all their attempts to portray Ed Miliband as another Michael Foot, his conference speech was not the second longest suicide note in history.

He forgot to mention the economy and immigration, and that's bad. Even so, what the Tories gained was a lead of only a couple of points, despite their own policies and announcements being generally well received.

David Winnick has been an MP for a very long time. And now the member for Walsall North wants his party colleagues to put out of their minds any prospect of having to cosy up to anyone else. He may be pushing for a majority but the question has arisen now as it did four years ago.

Some people who voted Liberal Democrat might have done so believing there was a chance they would form a coalition with one of the others. Many didn't.

Now, the party's dwindling number of supporters are left in no doubt that Nick Clegg is trying to stay in government with one or other of the two bigger parties.

And just as many Lib Dems didn't vote for the Tories, neither did Conservative voters put their X in the box expecting to have a party they didn't back taking some of the key roles.

The next election will see the parties have to campaign against each other but not do so with such bad blood left between them that they burn their bridges. So it is an important and perfectly reasonable set of questions for voters to be asking of their MPs and candidates: Who could you work with?

Have party leaders on both sides of the Atlantic painted themselves into a corner when it comes to tackling Islamic State?

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McCadden questions what may happen by ruling out 'boots on the ground' the way they have done. He wrote: "Is war weariness pushing the West back into an unwitting adoption of the Vietnam doctrine of escalation by degree rather than using overwhelming force which replaced it?"

"For our leaders haunted by the recent experience of Iraq and Afghanistan it is worth remembering, the past did not begin in 2003."

The difficulty is it's not that long since British forces left Iraq. And they're only now leaving Afghanistan after 13 troubled years. It doesn't make it right to hold off on saving people from modern-day barbarians. But it does make it all the more difficult to take the country with you.

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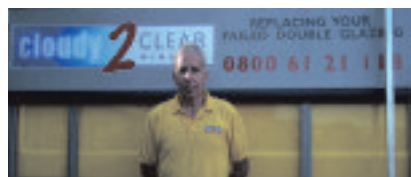
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Memories of character Harry

IT is with great sadness that we have heard of the death on September 25, in Australia, of former Walsall Councillor Harry Richards at the age of 93. Harry was born in Bloxwich in 1921, the sixth of 14 children.

In his days as a Walsall Councillor, Harry was very well known. A canny and colourful election agent, always a smile on his face and a joke to tell, his loud and gravelly voice and those white 'mutton chops' sideburns made him very distinctive indeed.

Harry served on Walsall County Borough Council from 1953 to 1956 (Birchills ward) and again from 1958 to 1959 (Bloxwich ward). Later he served on the West Mid-

lands County Council and again on Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council from 1980 to 1986 (Pleck ward).

There is a clock which takes pride of place on the mantelpiece of the Ante-Room to the Mayor's Parlour that he presented to the Mayor upon a visit back to the UK in 1997. We also have copies of the book that Harry published in 1984 called 'The Council House, Walsall' to which we still refer.

I have no doubt that tributes will be paid to him at the next sitting of Walsall Council on Monday November 17 at 6pm.

COUNCILLOR PETE SMITH
Mayor of Walsall

Overseas visit for Armistice

HAS any reader ever considered attending the Armistice Service at Ypres in Belgium where the Menin Gate stands? Battlefield Memorial Tours is a voluntary organisation continuing the work of the late Alex Bull-och MBE, with a three-day, two-night trip to France and Belgium on 10-12 November.

As well as the visit to Ypres and the service on November 11, we are also visiting La Coupole where a brilliant museum now stands. This was once the intended site of a V2 rocket launch facility that was rendered unusable by Barnes Wallis' Tallboy bombs in July 1944.

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Passing the costs of putting out fires and rescue down to the end users, by way of insurance, would save councils millions. But why stop there, look at policing, why should I as a taxpayer contribute to policing of football matches? They are the ones who are reaping the profits; make them pay for the police time they are using. What about protests and marches? They should only be allowed if they pay for the policing of such events, and damage to person or property they affect. This would reduce the policing bill.

Quite obviously this will not solve the answer to government cuts, and savings will have to be made in most areas. However, running services by volunteers, is also not the answer. Libraries, parks, public open spaces and toilets should be protected from cuts along with leisure facilities.

Should any Walsall councillor, or MP wish to contact me about these proposals my telephone number is available on request to the publisher.

A PARKER, Willenhall

Being paid to learn is not answer

SHOULD we reward children for learning? Rumours would have it that school-children could be rewarded for learning and gaining higher grades.

This rumour baffles me, because it turns our education system on its head. As it stands at the moment, children start learning in pre-school at four years old, and go to school until they are 18, a total of 14 years education to leave school and still not be able to recite their 12-times tables.

They then have to pay circa £9,000 per year for three years, to learn what they should have in the previous 14 years, in order to obtain a degree to get a well paid job, in most cases, only to end up stacking shelves.

A PARKER, Willenhall

Plaudits for health staff

A FEW months ago, I wrote to you concerning patients' time waiting between referral and receiving an operation at Walsall Manor Hospital, and was critical of P.A.L.S. and the CC group.

Since then my wife and I have both received treatment at the Manor and would like to take the opportunity, on your letters page, to commend all medical staff involved in our treatment.

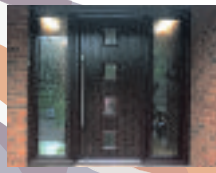
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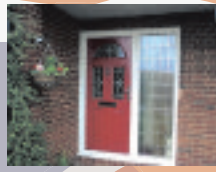
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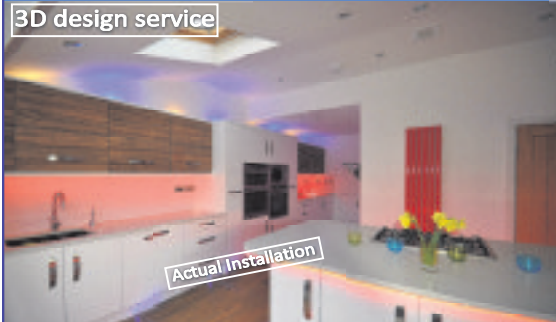
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Deanery visitations get under way



The Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley addresses the crowd. Picture by Jozef Lopuszynski

THE Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley began the latest deanery visitations by visiting St Mary of the Angels parish in Walsall.

Archbishop Longley told a crowd of parishioners at the Aldridge church: "Over the next three or four months we'll be visiting all the parishes in the Deanery of Walsall and we're beginning the first of six years and a new cycle of visitations around the 18 deaneries of the Diocese beginning this year in each of the three pastoral areas with one of

the deaneries, in this case Bishop David's pastoral area in Walsall. In particular, of course, we want to see something of the life of the parishes, to share in prayer with the parish over the weekend, and to meet with parishioners."

"But our particular focus for this cycle of visitations is to see something of the social mission of the church, and to see the ways in which parishioners and parish organisations - and also ecumenically - reach out into the local community."

Shooting star Ryan is aiming for gold medal

HE has shown unbelievable courage in the face of adversity - and seven years on from an accident that left him paralysed, target shooter Ryan Cockbill is setting his sights on Paralympic gold in Brazil.

The 23-year-old from Great Barr came 17th and 21st in two events at the London Paralympic Games and, thanks to the support of his family and the public, he is training to go one better in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

Last week, the former Aldridge School pupil's mother Karen launched a £3,000 fundraiser for a new German Navy rifle to suit his disability, while also forging ahead with the sale of her and ex-husband Andrew's home.

The family will move into a new home in Aldridge, along with his grandmother Sheila Lever, who is selling her home to join them.

Meanwhile, Ryan is training three to four times a week at Aldersley Sports Village in Wolverhampton, while also joining up with his GB colleagues several times a month at Stoke



Ryan Cockbill, of Ravenhurst Road

Mandeville in Aylesbury. He hopes to improve in time for the season restart in January and then aims to be picked for the Paralympic games squad for the competition in two years.

He said: "I'm always going to be aiming for the top, whether that be getting as fit as I can or going for gold in Rio - my injury changed my outlook on life, I try and do my best at everything now. After what happened and the injuries I suffered, I have even surprised myself a bit on what I have done since."

Ryan suffered a compression frac-



Ryan at the London 2012 Paralympics

ture of his spine - leaving him paralysed from the chest down after he jumped into a pool at a friend's house in 2006.

He picked up shooting during a sports day organised while he was in hospital. Ryan's mother's fundraising appeal is for an Anschütz German rifle, which costs £3,000. Mrs Cockbill, aged 51, hopes to raise the cash through some upcoming events and donations. The housing association worker and ex-husband Mr Cockbill, 54, are selling their home to raise cash for their son's Paralympic training.

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Bench boost for Sally to stand up and sit down

ANYONE who sits down on a bench dedicated to Sally Cooper may be in for a shock, as the lady herself could turn up to join them.

The wooden bench at Bloxwich Park has been placed there in honour of the woman who is a cancer survivor.

Most of the time such benches are dedicated to someone who has passed away, but the engraving on the 52-year-old's seat reads: 'Sally Cooper loved sitting here...and still does thanks to everyone who Stands Up To Cancer'.

It has been put at the beauty spot as one of a series being placed around the UK as part of Cancer Research UK's Stand Up To Cancer campaign.

Sally herself has suffered from cervical cancer but she is not the only one of her family to face the disease.

Her son, Martin, then 26, was also diagnosed with testicular cancer while she was going through treatment and sadly while they were both recovering, her mother Kathleen Vernon, was diagnosed with womb cancer and died in 2010. A year later, Sally's brother, Graham, developed prostate cancer.

Sally, who lives in Walsall, is now enjoying her eighth year in remission after being treated with surgery followed by chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Martin also survived and has given her two grandchildren, and her brother is well enough to enjoy the occasional round of golf. Sally said: "If it weren't for research Martin, my brother and I wouldn't be here. Every time I sit on my bench it will bring a smile to my face as I remember how lucky we all are to be alive."

Bloxwich Park has special significance for Sally because she says the beauty of the location gave her hope



Sally standing at her bench, which is situated in Bloxwich Park

when life seemed grim. She continued: "I'm delighted this wonderful bench in my favourite park has been dedicated to me. When life seemed unfair during my treatment I used to come here to walk the dog and look at the flowers, and it used to give me hope."

Jane Redman, Cancer Research UK's spokesperson for the West Midlands, added: "We are used to seeing benches dedicated to people who have passed away so we hope this unusual

inscription will encourage people to think and reflect on the incredible progress that's been made in the last 40 years."

A joint fundraising campaign from Cancer Research UK and Channel 4, Stand Up To Cancer is raising money to fund vital research to get better treatments to cancer patients faster. It will culminate in a live TV fundraiser on Channel 4 at 7.30pm tomorrow, hosted by Davina McCall.

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Brave Renée-Mai gets Pride of Britain award

RENÉE-MAI Bolter was just seven when she was subjected to a terrifying hostage ordeal at her family home.

She was violently attacked when held captive with her mother and baby sister for eight hours by an odd job man.

But the bright youngster's quick thinking and calm actions saved her family – and last week millions watched her pick up a Pride of Britain award. She was presented with the Child of Courage award by X Factor judges Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Louis Walsh and presenters Dermot O'Leary and Sarah-Jane Crawford.

Mother Katie Bolter, now 29, was at home with her two daughters when 54-year-old Leonard Brown turned up.

He had previously done odd jobs for the family but had developed an obsession with the mother. He was angry to see other workers there and when they left, Brown went to the garden shed, picked up a can of petrol and brought it into the house, threatening to kill them all. Screaming at them, Mr Brown then 54, put his knee across Katie's chest as she sat on a sofa with her two children. He then began to hit her across her head and upper body.

Renée-Mai tried to shield her mother from the attack but Mr Brown then punched the youngster in the face.

Katie recalled: "I was trying to stop him but he was just attacking me, I was terrified – not just for myself, but for my children too. Renée-Mai was so brave in confronting him."

The situation then took another horrifying turn as their attacker savaged eight-month-old Lexi on the sofa and lunged at her. Renée-Mai threw herself in the way, shielding her little sister and facing a second round of blows.



Renée-Mai with X Factor judges Simon Cowell and Louis Walsh, and presenters Dermot O'Leary and Sarah-Jane Crawford at last Monday's ceremony

Renée-Mai said: "I was very frightened but I knew that I had to be brave and protect my baby sister."

The brave Yew Tree Primary School pupil spotted her mother's mobile phone and was calm enough to hide it under her clothes.

The three were then forced upstairs into Katie's bedroom and held hostage for the night with Mr Brown threatening to kill them if they tried to escape.

Renée-Mai remained calm and when at 6am Mr Brown went to the toilet, she pulled out the phone and gave it to her mother and the police were called. Their attacker was arrested and jailed

for 14 years in December 2012. Renée-Mai, now 10, said: "I was scared and it has given me nightmares, but I am feeling better now and I'm proud to have helped save my mum and Lexi."

The youngster joined a host of remarkable youngsters at the awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Simon Cowell said: "The only thing that annoys me is that the guy who did this only got 14 years – if it were me I'd triple the sentence. When you think of what the consequences could have been, it's disgusting. But, she's come through on the other side."

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Volunteer call to help with festive events

ORGANISERS of a string of Christmas events have put a call out for volunteers to help make sure the festivities run smoothly.

Events are taking place in Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Willenhall. As well as people to help run the events, stallholders, businesses, singers and bands are also needed.

Councillor Mohammad Nazir, Walsall cabinet member for regeneration, said: "This year's festivities may be weeks away but it's now when the real work begins and we need a good number of volunteers to prepare each town for their Christmas event. We're calling on local communities to support us. We would also love to hear from entertainers, singers, bands and street dancers who would like to take part to make each event a fantastic day out."

This year's events will take place in Aldridge and Bloxwich on November 29, Willenhall on December 6 and Brownhills and Darlaston December 13. To volunteer call Nikki Rolls or Diane Mansell on 01922 654324.

Pallets call to get fired up for event

WOODEN pallets are being sought by park rangers as they set about creating bonfire night celebrations.

This year's firework displays will take place at King George V Playing Fields, Bloxwich on Saturday 25 October, Holland Park, Brownhills, Saturday 1 November and Willenhall Memorial Park on Saturday 8 November.

John Millard, Walsall Council senior ranger, said: "After a busy few weeks of park fun days we need to look ahead to the three bonfires we're staging."

If anyone can donate and deliver wooden pallets they are asked to contact John Millard on 07736 388409 or Clean and Green Services on 01922 654893.

Sir Richard tells of Tory party conference horror 30 years on



The aftermath at The Grand Hotel, Brighton, on October 12, 1984, after a powerful IRA bomb was set off

BROWNHILLS MP Sir Richard Shepherd has been remembering one of the darkest moments in Conservatives' history as the Brighton Bombing atrocity marked its 30th anniversary.

Margaret Thatcher, called the attack 'an inhuman, indiscriminating attempt to massacre innocent, unsuspecting men and women', after it claimed the life of five people and injured 31 more. The wife of then cabinet minister Norman Tebbit, was left confined to a wheelchair.

IRA bomber Patrick Magee planted a device at the Grand Hotel in Brighton where the Conservative Party conference was being held and Mrs Thatcher and her cabinet had been staying as they gathered to set out their plans for the coming year.

He had checked into Room 629 under the alias 'Roy Walsh' and concealed between 20 and 30 pounds of high explosives beneath the bath. He used the timer from a TV video recorder. The bomb went off at 2.54am. Part of the building collapsed into the basement. Firefighters said the Victorian hotel had been built well, saving many lives.

Sir Richard had been commuting between the conference and London and was not at the Grand on the night of the bomb. He said: "The next day we could not get near it. The police cordon was very tight. Everyone was in a state of shock and yet the conference went on, business as usual. I think it was just the British thing to do." The MP, who has represented the constituency since 1979, added: "It changed people's lives. Norman Tebbit still looks after his wife, Margaret."

Of the attack, Mrs Thatcher said: "It was an attempt not only to disrupt and terminate our conference; it was an attempt to cripple Her Majesty's dem-



Aldridge-Brownhills MP Sir Richard

ocratically elected Government." And then it was on with the agenda - denationalisation, coal, the nuclear deterrent, the economy and more. "That was just how we did it," said Sir Richard. "Something very bad happened. But we carried on."

Patrick Magee was caught and convicted of five counts of murder. He was handed eight life sentences. But he was released after 14 years under the Good Friday Agreement.

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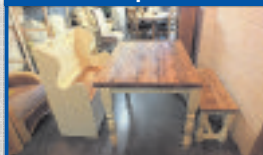
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AN old soldier who joined the parachute regiment for 'a bit of a laugh' recalled landing behind enemy lines in the Second World War at a party to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Arnie Hutchinson talked about his experiences in the Battle of the Bulge and Operation Varsity at a celebration in his honour at Short Heath Royal British Legion in Willenhall.

The event was organised by the Wolverhampton branch of the Parachute Regimental Association.

Arnie, a retired accountant who lives in Walton-on-the-Hill, Stafford, is the 11th member of the association to reach the milestone, with the oldest due to turn 97 this year.

Branch secretary Don Taylor said Arnie was one of the liveliest members of the branch and played an important role as treasurer.

"He's always very friendly, and for his age he's absolutely wonderful. He travels all over the place by bus," he said.

Also at the party in Willenhall, was Stephen Lancaster, who travelled from Rochdale. His later father Eric had served with Arnie during the war.

Arnie, a grandfather of four, is a member of Stafford Bowling Club and the Phoenix Club for the elderly. He regularly attends Berkswich Methodist Church in Stafford.

He said: "I volunteered for the parachute regiment because I thought it



Arnie Hutchinson, centre, celebrates his 90th birthday with Jack Baker, aged 91, and Joe Davies, 92. The rest of the club sing happy birthday

would be a bit of a laugh. I thought it would be quite fun, jumping out of planes."

Within months of joining the 7th Parachute Battalion, he was called into action in the Battle of the Bulge, an operation to repel a German attack in the dense forests of the Ardennes in Belgium.

"By the time we got there the Americans had more or less done the job, we just suffered the awfulness and the cold," said the former Lance Corporal.

A few weeks later, he took part in Operation Varsity, a joint airborne operation between British and US forces to cross the River Rhine and land behind enemy lines at Wesel, northern Germany. "I was terrified," he said,

recalling the jump on March 24, 1945. "On the way over, the plane next to us was shot down, and I thought 'that could have been us'."

Shortly after VE Day, Arnie returned to Britain, before being sent to India. The Japanese surrender on September 2 meant a planned airborne invasion of Singapore never went ahead, but he was stationed in the Far East until 1946. In Singapore he met Chinese medical student Seinie, who he married in 1947.

Seinie died in 2009, and the couple had three children: Stephen, aged 65, a retired airline reservation manager, Roderic, 54, who works as a doctor in Doncaster, and Sandra Barton, 54, an army doctor.

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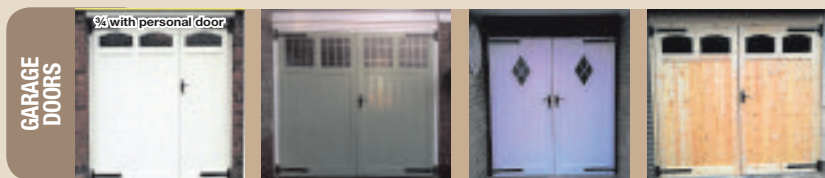
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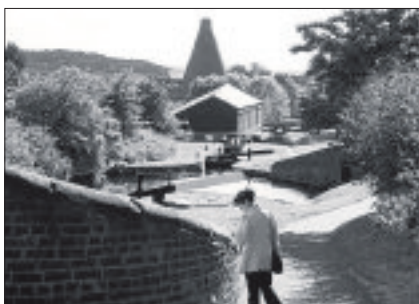
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Stourbridge canal looking down to the glass kiln cone

Secret history of waterways is brought to life by canals expert

AS the industrial revolution took hold in the 18th century, canals spawned a radical new transport that became the arteries of the national economy.

Now, hundreds of years later, after being rescued from decline and neglect, the region's network is experiencing a rejuvenation as a place of leisure and recreation.

In his new book called *Waterways of the West Midlands*, Robert Davies, formerly of Tipton, delves into the unexplored history surrounding the great West Midland canal network.

Through interviews with some of the last great boatmen, he reveals a new insight into its fascinating history including intriguing places and people. The 60-year-old's interest in the inland waterways was first sparked 20 years ago when, after being off work ill, he learned about the early years of the canals from a friend.

Growing up in Tipton, he says he 'could

MEMORY LANE

Report by Rob Gollidge

not miss' the canals and had always been a familiar element of life in the Black Country. "The West Midlands has made and continues to make a huge contribution to the story of the inland waterways of Great Britain," he said.

"Yes, the Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN) has lost some of its original waterways, and that is a sad fact, but it is still an amazing place to visit, and its history is rich and varied.

"Add that to the other great associated waterways - the Staffordshire and Worcestershire; the Worcester and Birmingham; the Trent and Mersey; and of course, the River Severn, and you have enough waterways to spend a lifetime exploring."

The book starts off looking at the Stourport and its origin as a canal town. "Stourport is my first choice because, in 1772, that is where James Brindley placed the termi-

nus of his Staffordshire and Worcestershire (S&W) Canal; and what a treasure that town has been for more than 200 years," he said.

Mr Davies also looks at some canal pioneers as he traces the reasons for their creation. "Historical figures are an essential part of this book, and such noteworthies as Boulton and Watt, John Corbett, and Josiah Wedgwood add to the tale of how the canals came to be and how useful they were to the 18th and 19th-century industrialists and entrepreneurs," he said.

"Of course, contrasted with these worthies are the ordinary working boatmen, and I have been fortunate to be able to get the life stories of two to add to our understanding of the last few decades of the industrial canal.

"At a horseboating demonstration at a recent boating rally, a young lady volunteer was heard to say, 'That doesn't look safe. I don't think the canals were designed for horses', prompting older ones to quickly put her right: that indeed the canals, and especially the towpath were designed for

horses, just as much as they were made for narrowboats."

Mr Davies estimates that around 15,000 horses, mules or donkeys were pulling boats on the canals during their heyday.

The book looks at the links between the Stourbridge canal and the glass industry, as well as the industry on the Walsall canals where a man named Jack Haddock captured some of its last working days in photograph.

In the book, Mr Haddock explains: "My first recollections of Walsall were of a view from the balcony of a Corporation tramcar, as it rose over the steep hump of narrow canal bridge en route to Bloxwich. As you approached the bridge, there was the majestic sight of Pratt's Flour Mill with its imposing height and numerous small windows covered in flour dust."

Mr Davies describes himself as a part-time author and full-time canal enthusiast. This is his fourth book published by The History Press, his previous including *Boats, Smoke, Steam and Folk* and *Midlands Canal Carriers*. The book is £14.99.

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Jodie Hewitt, assistant learning spaces manager at Walsall College, which has won an award

A DEPARTMENT at Walsall College has scooped an award for encouraging more than 50 students to take part in a reading challenge.

The Learning Resource Centre received the award after students were entered in the Reading Agency's annual Six Book Challenge.

The bronze award is now sitting pride of place in Wismore Campus after 52 students entered the 2014 competition, which represented a 50 per cent increase on the previous year. Almost 80 organisations from across the UK have been given bronze, silver or gold awards after their participation in the challenge.

Students had to record six pieces of text in a reading diary as part of the nationwide competition which is designed to inspire staff and students to read more than they normally would through a variety of sources such as books and websites.

The college recognised those who entered during a special ceremony in June with top prizes ranging from an iPad to gym passes.

Name pool after swim hero Bill, says Mayor

A CAMPAIGN has been launched for a new leisure centre being built in Bloxwich to have its main swimming pool named after the world-renowned swimmer Bill Pickering.

Mr Pickering, who taught comedian Ken Dodd to swim and worked at the former Bloxwich Baths for 35 years, died in August at the age of 93.

Walsall's Mayor Pete Smith called for Mr Pickering to be honoured at the newly proposed Bloxwich Leisure Centre.

Work on the new facility is due to start in the coming months. The centre is poised to include a main six-lane pool, a four-court sports hall, spa and two squash courts. Councillor Smith said he wants the swimming pool to be called the Bill Pickering Pool.

He said: "Bill Pickering, who recently and sadly died, was a local legend, with a long association with Walsall and Bloxwich Baths in particular and famous for his record breaking swim across the Channel in 1955 by which he put Walsall well and truly on the map."

"All these years later he is still well-remembered. It would be apt for the newly-planned Bloxwich Leisure Centre to have its main swimming pool named in honour of Bill Pickering and I am calling on the people of Walsall to support this call."

By Laura Blyth

Originally from Derbyshire, Mr Pickering came to Bloxwich in the early 1950s. It was in August 1955 that he created a world record for the 21-mile channel crossing of 14 hours and six minutes.

He had beaten the record of Florence Chadwick, the American who became the first woman to cross the Channel in both directions. But she won it back barely six weeks later, beating Mr Pickering's record by 11 minutes.

Among his friends were the TV and stage comedian Ken Dodd. He taught the Squire of Knotty Ash to swim at Canley in Coventry and at Bournemouth and they were friends ever since.

Mr Pickering returned to Overseal, near Swadlincote in Derbyshire, for his latter days with wife Clarrie, who was by his side for more than 70 years.

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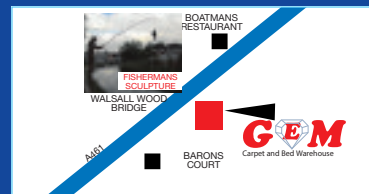
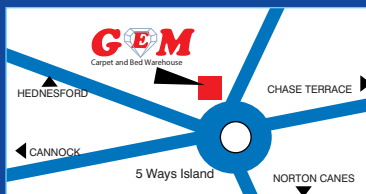
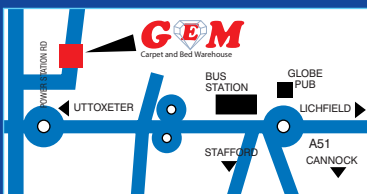
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The store said its operations have continued to be a success in the area and thanked customers for their loyal support throughout the years. Staff held a day of celebrations to mark the occasion.

They organised a day of activities that was kicked off with a performance by the choir from Rivers Academy Primary School, in Blakenall. Formed just three weeks ago the children wowed the staff and customers with renditions of songs from the film Frozen. Asda Living has so far raised £24,000 for good causes in the borough this year.

Gang held victim at knifepoint in robbery

A VULNERABLE teenager was held prisoner at knifepoint for 90 minutes in his own home, a judge was told.

The 17-year-old had hundreds of pounds worth of property stolen after being picked on by a three strong gang - Wolverhampton Crown Court heard - one of whom was a fellow resident at the supported accommodation.

Jonathon Smith, aged 18, was one of the offenders involved on March 11, said Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting.

He went into the room at the home in Wednesbury Road, Caldmore, with another person who started stealing property belonging to the victim whom he believed was mocking his speech impediment, it was said.

The pair took a wallet with £65 cash, two mobiles collectively worth £350 and a decorative sword without resistance from the intimidated 17-year-old, continued Mr Searle. Smith then got a bread knife with a six-inch serrated blade that was given to a third man who used it to keep the victim prisoner in the room while the other two left for 90 minutes, the court was told.

All three then left leaving the frightened teenager to

lock himself in his room and initially unable to call for assistance because his mobile phones had been taken, concluded the prosecutor.

The victim was so distressed by the experience that he had had to move to alternative accommodation, the court heard. Smith was arrested the next day but the other two offenders have not been traced.

Mr William Rickarby, defending Smith, now of no fixed abode, said: "He was with others more mature than him and was, to some extent, led astray."

Smith admitted false imprisonment and theft and was ordered to be detained in a Young Offenders Institution for 21 months by Recorder David Crigman QC.

by Simon Stone

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Scott Southey in his shop in Lower Hall Lane, Walsall, where an event took place to help promote local authors

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Shop owner Scott Southey said: "We took part in Super Thursday and to finish it off we are having a party."

"We've got 10 local authors coming in. We'll have food and drink on as well. It's all about promoting independent book shops and also local authors"

Mr Southey opened his shop in Lower Hall Lane in May and he said business had been steady. Authors appearing at Southcart Books included Lucy Onions, David Calcutt and James Josiah.

There have been unofficial Super Thursdays in the past, but this year booksellers and publishers have backed the day in a big way, aligning release dates in a bid to create a buzz with the book-buying public.

Rail line scheme to see track lowered

RAIL track between Staffordshire and Walsall will have to be lowered as part of the multi-million pound electrification of the Chase Line, leading to disruption for commuters.

The work needs to be carried out to enable room for overhead power lines to be installed. Network Rail has confirmed there will be planned railway closures.

by Craig Hughes

It is due to take place later this year and run into the spring and it is expected there will be diversions and buses put on as an alternative for rail travellers.

Some bridges are being rebuilt and made higher to accommodate the equipment but Network Rail has confirmed other parts of £30m scheme includes lowering the track.

Passengers

Parts of the existing line will be removed and some digging work carried out to allow the line to be lower down.

Areas where this needs to be done are Sneyd Lane, Leamore Lane, Green Lane, Coalpool Lane, Littleton Street, Bloxwich Road, Forest Lane and Wyrley and Essington canal aqueduct.

In a statement the rail company said: "Network Rail is electrifying 15 miles of railway between Walsall, Hednesford and Rugeley Trent Valley to help provide a more regular and reliable train service for passengers."

"As well as rebuilding bridges to create the clearance needed for overhead power lines, the track under certain bridges will be lowered to create that space."

"This is achieved by removing existing track and rebuilding the railway at a lower height."

"The work will be carried out during planned closures of the railway between now and spring 2015 which have been kept as short as possible to cause the least disruption."

"Passengers are advised to always check before they travel at www.nationalrail.co.uk."

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	Level 2 Accountancy	Mon/Wed	6pm - 9pm	West Walsall E-ACT Academy
	Level 2 Payroll	Tue	6pm - 9pm	West Walsall E-ACT Academy
Maths & English				
	Maths – Functional Skills all Levels	Various days and times available		Hawbush Centre
	English – Functional Skills all Levels	Various days and times available		Hawbush Centre
	GCSE English	Mon	6pm - 9pm	Willenhall E-ACT Academy
	GCSE English	Mon	9.30am - 11.30am	Hawbush Centre
	GCSE English Language	Mon	6pm - 9pm	Whitehall Centre
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Computing and ICT				
	IT Start Up Entry 3	Mon	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Whitehall Centre
	IT Start Up Entry 3	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Hawbush Centre
	ITQ Option Level 2	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Hawbush Centre
	ITQ Option Level 2	Fri	9.30am - 11.30am	Hawbush Centre
	Start IT	Mon	1pm - 3pm	Streety CA
	Introduction to Tablets	Mon	3.30pm - 5.30pm	Streety CA
	Progress IT	Mon	10am - 12pm	Streety CA
	Progress IT	Tue	1pm - 3pm	Willenhall CHART
	Progress IT	Thu	3.30pm - 5.30pm	Streety CA
ESOL and Languages				
	ESOL – for all levels	Various days and times available		Whitehall Centre
	ESOL – for all levels	Mon/Wed	1pm - 3pm	All Saints Church
	ESOL – for all levels	Mon/Wed	9.30am - 11.30am	Whitehall Centre
	ESOL – for all levels	Mon/Wed	1pm - 3pm	Charles Cuddy Walker
	Improvers French	Wed	12.45pm - 2.45pm	Streety CA
	Improvers Spanish	Thu	7pm - 9pm	Hawbush Centre
Art Design and Craft				
	Art, Drawing and Painting	Mon	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Aldridge CA
	Flower Arranging	Mon	1.15pm - 3.15pm	Rough Hay School
	Flower Arranging	Wed	10am - 12pm	Cottage Nursing Home
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Earnest attempt to rethink Wilde

SEVERAL of Britain's favourite veteran actors feature in director Lucy Baileys' 're-imagining' of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Wilde's witty lampooning of Victorian hypocrisies is presented as a performance by fictional amateur theatre group The Bunbury Company of Players. However, these 'amateurs' include Nigel Havers, Martin Jarvis, Cherie Lunghi, Christine Kavanagh and, as the formidable Lady Bracknell, Siân Phillips. It is staged from Tuesday to Saturday, October 21 to 25.

Dame Janet Suzman is in Solomon and Marion, set in post-apartheid South Africa, at Birmingham Rep Studio until November 1.

Disney on Ice and Grand dinosaurs

MICKEY Mouse, Minnie Mouse and their friends from Disney's *Mulan*, *The Lion King* and *Pinocchio*, and Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo*, *The Incredibles* and *Toy Story*, take to the ice for a grand celebration in *Disney On Ice* celebrates 100 Years of Magic at the NIA Birmingham from October 22 to November 2.

Other children's shows coming up include *Dinosaur Zoo* at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for daytime shows from October 23 to 25.

Musical adventure *Rainforest Symphony* is at Birmingham Rep's The Door on Saturday for four daytime performances.

Stax of hits as Blues Brothers guitar legend is to play Robin 2

Top that for 1930s glamour

TOP Hat brings the glamour of Hollywood's golden age to the stage at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday.

Based on the RKO movie and featuring the music of Irving Berlin, this romantic revival of 1930s style and sophistication will feature a cast full of West End experience. This includes acclaimed tap dancer and leading man Alan Burkitt as Broadway sensation Jerry Travers, Charlotte Gooch from the London production of *Dirty Dancing* as society girl Dale Tremont, and Rebecca Thornhill, from the recent London run of *From Here To Eternity*, as Madge Hardwick.

Featuring such songs as *Cheek to Cheek*, *Puttin' on the Ritz* and *Let's Face the Music & Dance*, the musical is staged until November 1. For more information call the box office on (01902) 429212 or see www.grandtheatre.co.uk



Alan Burkitt and Charlotte Gooch will be dancing cheek to cheek at the Grand

A GUITAR legend who has played with musical greats, from Otis Redding to Bob Dylan, is coming to Bilston venue The Robin 2 next Thursday, October 23.

Steve Cropper, 72, who was house guitarist for Stax Records in the 1960s, will join former members of The Animals at the Mount Pleasant venue.

The Missouri-born guitarist and producer was a member of Booker T and the MGs and backed John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd as part of the Blues Brothers Band in the classic 1980 movie. He co-wrote (*Sittin' On*) *The Dock Of The Bay*, *Knock On Wood* and *In The Midnight Hour*.

The band will include former drummer with Georgie 60s hit-makers The Animals, Jon Steel, and the House of the Rising Sun outfit's post-Alan Price keyboardist Mickey Gallagher, who was also one of Ian Dury's Blockheads and keyboard man for The Clash.

Support comes from seven-piece Midlands Mod band Stone Foundation.

Tickets are £18.50 in advance or £20 on the door. Call 01902 401211 or visit therobin.co.uk website.

Other prime gigs over the next few days include: tonight (Thursday), Irish rock guitar hero Bernie Torme, Robin 2; tomorrow, ex-Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr, Wolverhampton Civic Hall; Saturday, Katy B sup-



Soul hero Steve Cropper

ported by Bewdley's Becky Hill, O2 Academy, Birmingham, and that's the same night Toyah returns to her home city to play The Institute in Digbeth.

Meanwhile, Holly Johnson, the former voice of Frankie Goes To Hollywood, will be performing his solo and Frankie hits at The Institute on Sunday, the same night Ed Sheeran starts a two night stint at the LG Arena.

Cambridge band Clean Bandit, whose *Rather Be* is one of the biggest hits of this year, play the O2 Academy on Wednesday.

The final Paige for West End star

THE first lady of British musical theatre Elaine Paige is marking her 50th year in showbusiness with a farewell concert tour, including a performance at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, tomorrow night (Friday).

At the time of going to Press there were only a few tickets left for Paige by Page by Paige, in which the singer, actress and broadcaster looks back at an illustrious career, including her starring roles in *Evita*, *Cats* and *Chess*.

Other musical highlights this week include Simon Cowell's *Popera* stars Il Divo with Miss Saigon star Lea Salonga at the LG Arena on Saturday. The Bands of the Royal Air Force are in concert at Symphony Hall on Sunday.

Sea shanties from Cornwall

CORNISH choir The Fisherman's Friends are back on the road, following a tragedy last year when singer Trevor Grills and tour manager Paul McMullen were killed in an accident.

The sea shanty singers from Port Isaac will be entertaining their fans at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday.

Drawing from a repertoire reaching back 200 years, they embrace songs not only from Cornwall but Ireland, Africa, the West Indies and America.

They perform the night after folk singer and virtuoso fiddler Seth Lakeman plays for a sold out crowd at the same venue.

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David Attenborough
The Jonathan Ross Show (ITV, 10.20pm)
New series. The host is back – and he’s starting as he means to go on with a very impressive line-up of guests. Jonathan is joined by legendary broadcaster David Attenborough, whose ambitious new natural history series, *Life Story*, begins on BBC One this week. He isn’t the only TV big-hitter taking up residence on the sofa, as Jonathan also chats to Mel B and her fellow X Factor judge Cheryl, who is giving her first interview since she became Mrs Fernandez-Versini. Hollywood is represented by actor Steve Carrell, star of *The 40 Year-Old Virgin* and the voice of Gru in the Despicable Me films, while music comes from Paolo Nutini – unless Jonathan can persuade Mel and Cheryl to give us a song as well.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen
11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00 BBC News:** Weather. **12.10 Football Focus.** **12.50 Saturday Sportsday.** **1.00 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.00 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R) **3.00 Escape to the Country.** (R) **4.00 Final Score.** **5.20 BBC News,** Regional News. Weather. **5.40 Pointless Celebrities.**
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. The pro-celebrity couples dress up to the nines for another ballroom battle, and are all smiles as they bid to get their names near the top of the leaderboard while secretly hoping their rivals fall flat on their faces during their routines. Whatever the quality, another pair will be leaving tomorrow – and the ultimate decision will be down to judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell. Tonight they have their say on the performances and give their scores as usual, while Tess Daly keeps things ticking over and Claudia Winkleman gets the celebrities’ reactions as they leave the dance floor.
8.25 Doctor Who. Clara faces a menace from another dimension, an enemy that exists beyond human perception. She has people to save, but it proves impossible when the walls provide no protection.
9.10 Casually. A man dies from a mysterious injury, leaving Connie wondering whether she missed something. Cal and Ethan discover a rare virus that connects two patients. Hospital drama, starring Amanda Mealing, George Rainsford and Richard Winsor as the emergency medics.
10.00 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
10.10 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Arsenal v Hull City at the Emirates Stadium and Everton v Aston Villa at Goodison Park, National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Reading v Derby County.
1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.35 Film:** The Magic Box. (1951) **8.20 Film:** The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle. (1939) **9.50 The Trials of Life.** (R) **10.40 The Trials of Life.** (R) **11.30 Map Man.** (R) **12.00 Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes.** (R) **1.00 Film:** Rock Around the Clock. (1956) **2.15 Film:** Guys and Dolls. (1955) **4.40 Flog It!** (R) **5.30 The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade.** (R)
6.30 Gardeners' World. Monty Don has timely advice on getting gardens ready for winter, while Carol Klein meets a nurseryman in Herefordshire to witness the seasonal beauty of the Japanese maple. (R)
7.00 Restoring England's Heritage. Tom Holland visits buildings on the English Heritage “at risk” list – a back-garden windmill in East Sussex, a dockyard church in Sheerness on the Isle of Sheppey and Hadlow Tower.
7.30 Penguins – Spy in the Huddle. Having grown up and become independent, all the penguins leave for the sea, tackling the same hazards as their parents before them. (R)
8.30 Dad's Army. A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea, so Mainwaring and his platoon speed to the rescue in Corporal Jones’s van. (R)
9.00 Schema on Rembrandt: Masterpieces of the Late Years. Simon Schema celebrates the masterpieces that Rembrandt created in later life, paintings he believes speak more directly about the human condition than the artist’s earlier works. Shown to coincide with the National Gallery’s major exhibition on the artist’s later works.
10.00 The Culture Show: Rankin Shoots Rembrandt. The photographer interprets the Dutch master’s portraits of old age.
10.30 QI XL. Extended edition. Lloyd Langford, Victoria Coren Mitchell and Jack Whitehall join regular panellist Alan Davies as host. Stephen Fry asks questions about literature and language.
11.15 Film: The Way. (2010) Premiere. A doctor decides to complete the historical journey through the Pyrenees that his son died while making. Comedy drama, starring Martin Sheen.
1.20 TOTP2. (R) **2.15 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **8.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures.** (R) **6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures.** (R) **7.05 Animals.** (R) **7.10 Animals.** (R) **7.20 Sooty Stories: Share a Story.** (R) **7.25 Sooty.** (R) **7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** (R) **7.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles.** **8.20 Horrid Henry.** **8.30 The Munch Box.** **9.25 The Hungry Sailors.** (R) **10.20 Murder.** She Wrote. (R) **11.20 ITV News:** Weather. **11.30 Storage Hoarders.** (R) **12.30 May the Best Horse Win.** (R) **1.30 Film:** Columbo: Forgotten Lady. (1975) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Janet Leigh. **3.35 Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997) Dinosaur adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum.
6.05 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.15 ITV News: Weather.
6.30 New You've Been Framed! Surreal comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers’ clips.
7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh is joined by Claire Richards from Steps, musician and presenter Rowland Rivron, rugby union star James Haskell and Blue singer Antony Costa.
8.00 The X Factor. The fight for a recording contract continues as the remaining contestants perform tracks from the 1980s in the second live studio round. During 80s Week last year, eventual winner Sam Bailey belted out *The Power of Love* – originally a hit for Jennifer Rush – winning praise from the panel and audience alike, but how will this year’s line-up cope with the decade’s finest power ballads? Dermot O’Leary provides much-needed support on stage, while Simon Cowell, Cheryl, Mel B and Louis Walsh take their seats behind the judges’ desk to cheer on their own acts.
10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. New series. The host is joined by X Factor judge Cheryl and Mel B, legendary naturalist David Attenborough and Hollywood actor Steve Carrell.
11.25 ITV News: Weather.
11.40 Film: The Hitcher. (2007) A psychotic hitch-hiker targets a couple who unwittingly give him a lift, and frames them for a series of roadside murders. Horror remake, starring Sean Bean.
1.10 Jackpot247. **3.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) **3.45 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Trans World Sport. **7.00 Hever Castle Triathlon.** **7.55 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Weekend Kitchen.** **10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **10.30 Frasier.** (R) **11.00 Frasier.** (R) **11.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.55 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **12.25 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.55 Gadget Man.** (R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage of British Champions Day at Ascot. **5.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.35 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
6.00 Come Dine with Me. American army wife Adrena Austin hosts the third party in Colchester. (R)
6.30 Come Dine with Me. James Coe throws the fourth party in Colchester, and while his incessant discussion of money proves off-putting, the prospect of a dip in the host’s hot tub improves moods. (R)
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Vegetarian Jodie Edzeikel hosts the final dinner party in Colchester, and tries to please her guests by serving them meat, if she can bring herself to touch it. (R)
7.30 Channel 4 News.
8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCulloch follows software executive Andy and garden designer Nicki, who are planning to build a “floating” house on the Thames, which would be the first of its kind in the UK. Their architect has come up with an ambitious, experimental design that would see the whole property magically rise up with the flood waters. However, no one knows whether it will work, and the project soon becomes bogged down in the logistical challenges of bringing to fruition such a complex structure on a small island that is only accessible by a narrow footbridge. (R)
9.00 Film: Fast Five. (2011) Criminal Dominic Toretto is broken out of prison by his partners in crime and together they flee to South America. They begin assembling a gang of crooks to carry out a heist in Rio, but the FBI’s top manhunter is in the country and hot on their trail. Action adventure, the fifth in the Fast & Furious series, starring Vin Diesel, Jordana Johnson, Paul Walker and Jordana Brewster.
11.35 Rude Tube. Alex Zane presents 50 of the internet’s most entertaining stunts. (R)
12.40 Film: Silent Hill. (2006) **2.45 Hollyoaks.** **4.50 NFL: Hard Knocks.** (R) **5.45 NFL: Rush Zone.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** **10.30 World’s Most Pampered Pets.** (R) **11.30 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R) **12.30 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R) **1.30 Film:** They Were Expendable. (1945) Second World War drama, with John Wayne. **4.10 Film: Mosquito Squadron.** (1968) Second World War drama, starring David McCallum. **5.55 Film: Ambush Bay.** (1966) Second World War adventure, starring Mickey Rooney.
7.55 World War II in Colour. In September 1940, Italian leader Benito Mussolini’s armies advanced into Egypt and opened up a completely new theatre of war. The British were outnumbered by more than 10 to one, but soon pushed the Axis forces back hundreds of miles and Hitler had to send Field Marshal Erwin Rommel and the Afrika Korps to rescue his ally. Alongside the campaign on the ground, Mussolini staged an epic naval and air war in the Mediterranean, which saw the British fighting to hold on to the strategically vital island of Malta. (R)
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Film: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. (1966) A laconic gunslinger, a ruthless hired killer and a cunning outlaw hunt for a cache of loot during the chaos of the American Civil War. However, each is privy to only part of the information necessary to find it, setting in motion a series of deadly betrayals. The third film in Sergio Leone’s Spaghetti Western trilogy, starring Clint Eastwood as the Man with No Name, with Lee Van Cleef and Eli Wallach.
12.25 Gotham. Crime thriller based on characters from the Batman comics, following James Gordon’s rise from rookie detective to police commissioner. Starring Ben McKenzie. (R) **1.25 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10 The Gadget Show.** Oris, Jason and Amy use a motion-tracking technology to help knock down a building, while 2012 Britain’s Got Talent winners Ashleigh and Pudsey help test canine devices. (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** Ann Maurice visits a cottage in Co Durham that has been on the market for eight months. (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **5.15 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **8.00 Top Gear** **9.00 Film:** Little Fockers (2010) **10.30 Live at the Apollo** **11.05 Family Guy** **1.40 Bad Education** **2.10 The Revolution Will Be Televised** **2.40 Seann Walsh's Late Night Comedy Spectacular** **2014** **3.40 Flat TV** **4.00 Close**
BBC Four
7.00 Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure **8.00 The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles** **9.00 The Code** **10.55 Northern Soul: Living for the Weekend** **11.55 Motown at the BBC** **12.55 The Sky at Night** **1.25 The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles** **2.25 Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure** **3.25 Close**
ITV2
11.05 Ariana Grande: The Hot Desk **11.20 Film: Babe: Pig in the City** (1998) **1.10 Film: Junior** (1994) **3.20 Totally You've Been Framed!** **4.25 The Best of You've Been Framed!** **5.25 You've Been Framed!** **5.55 Film: Arthur and the Great Adventure** (2009) **8.00 Film: Back to the Future** (1985) **10.20 The Xtra Factor** **11.20 Celebrity Juice** **12.10 The Job Lot** **12.35 The X Factor** **2.45 Teleshopping**
ITV3
12.25 The Darling Buds of May **2.50 A Touch of Frost** **4.45 Wycliffe** **5.55 Inspector Morse** **8.00 Rosemary & Thyme** **9.00 Midsomer Murders** **11.00 A Touch of Frost** **1.00 Bomb Girls** **1.50 Movies Now** **2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen**
ITV4
11.35 The Professionals **12.40 Film: A Reason to Live.** A Reason to Live (1972) **2.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights** **4.00 Storage Wars** **5.25 Film: Superman II** (1980) **8.00 Film: Octopussy** (1983) **10.40 Film: Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning** (2012) **12.55 The Professionals** **2.00 Cheers** **2.25 Tommy Cooper** **2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen**
E4
11.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **12.00 The 100** **1.00 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks** (2007) **3.00 Made in Chelsea** **4.00 Melissa & Joey** **5.00 The Big Bang Theory** **6.00 How I Met Your Mother** **7.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **7.30 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 Film: Shooter** (2007) **11.35 The Inbetweeners** **12.35 How I Met Your Mother** **2.30 Rules of Engagement** **3.15 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD**
Film4
11.00 Broken Lance (1954) **1.00 Cocoon: The Return** (1988) **3.20 Aliens in the Attic** (2009) **5.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules** (2011) **6.55 Mad Money** (2008) **9.00 The King's Speech** (2010) **11.20 Frozen** (2010) **1.10 Dog Pound** (2010) **3.05 Close**

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Lacey Turner

Our Girl (BBC1, 9pm)
Lacey Turner has proved she is a fine actress time and again while portraying troubled Stacey Slater in EastEnders. But Our Girl has given her a chance to stretch herself even further. Sadly, the series draws to a close with this episode, but it's one that leaves viewers wondering what will happen to her character, Molly Dawes, so hopefully another run will be heading our way in the near future. Here, Molly returns from Afghanistan, and with difficult questions raining down upon her, it's clear that the things she's seen and heard there have had a life-changing impact. The devastating attack on Captain James and Smurf has left this soldier picking up the threads of her life and weaving them into some kind of future – but what will that entail?

BBC1

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BBC2

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ITV

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MONDAY
The Business, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A criminal flees London in the 1980s to start a new life on the Costa del Sol. He is soon drawn into the inner circle of a British gangster living in exile, but his relationship with a psychotic crook's girlfriend threatens to bring his criminal career to an abrupt end. Crime drama, starring Danny Dyer and Geoff Bell. (2005)

TUESDAY
Stolen Innocence, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman is rushed to hospital after giving birth to a still-born girl, only to be accused by the police of murdering the child. Demanding to see the midwife who was treating her at home, she discovers the woman was an imposter and is certain her baby has been kidnapped. Thriller, starring Gina Philips and Anna Galvin. (2007)



Out of Sight, Friday, ITV, 11.10pm

WEDNESDAY
Tornado Warning, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A teenager whose home was destroyed by an unusual tornado grows up to be an amateur storm chaser, and investigates when similar freak storms start occurring across the world. He enlists the aid of a meteorologist in getting to the truth, and discovers the strange weather is cover for an alien invasion. Sci-fi thriller, starring Kari Wuhrer and Jeff Fahey. (2012)

THURSDAY
Mom at Sixteen, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A pregnant teenager's well-meaning mother forces her to keep the birth a secret and decides to raise the baby as if it were her own – but the deception raises unforeseen practical and ethical problems for all concerned. Drama, starring Mercedes Ruehl. (2005)

FRIDAY
Out of Sight, ITV, 11.10pm
A charming bank robber breaks out of jail and takes a female US Marshal hostage. Managing to escape, she sets out to track him down as he prepares for one last job – but as the chase intensifies, so do their feelings for each other. Steven Soderbergh's romantic crime drama, with George Clooney. (1998)

Perfect Creature, BBC2, 12.35am
In an alternative version of the 1960s, vampires have lived alongside humans for 300 years. However, the stability of this world is shattered when one bloodsucker returns to his predatory ways, posing a deadly threat to both races. Thriller, starring Dougray Scott. (2006)

Sarah works her magic once again in new series

Sometimes it can be hard to muster up much sympathy for the people featured on Sarah Beeny's property shows, especially those with a massive budget.

"We can't seem to sell our house," they cry to Sarah, while tripping over dog toys and ignoring the stench of their beloved pet's food in the corner of the kitchen.

Do they really need it spelling out? Okay, maybe we're being a bit too harsh. After all, the housing market is a nightmare at the moment – and the folk we're about to meet in the property guru's latest TV effort know this only too well. In fact, desperate times call for desperate measures.

As Sarah will explain, the way we sell our houses is changing, and by 2020, it's predicted that half of the UK's house sales may be done online. Property websites are now getting billions of hits every year, and pioneer homeowners are shunning the services of the country's 15,000 traditional estate agents and instead signing up with online estate agents to sell their

homes – all in the hope they will save thousands of pounds in fees. But is this the right way to go?

Sarah is making it her mission in this new series to find out the answer to that question, as she meets ordinary homeowners who are taking on the challenge of selling their homes in this way. She will also be offering her practical advice to those who are struggling to sell in these difficult times. Of course we know she can be trusted – her advice is, well, safe as houses.

The presenter has taken a keen interest in the market since she began her own property developing business with her brother and husband. Since then she's found time in her busy schedule to have four boys, create dating website Mysinglefriend, present umpteen hugely successful property series, and renovate Rise Hall in East Yorkshire (during which the many ups and downs were documented).

It's a wonder she's managed to find time for yet another series – but she has...

In it, the featured sellers are taking a big risk by doing it all online – they will have to value their own property, and arrange their own viewings. However, their inexperience could mean they underestimate the market. In short; if they get it right, these homeowner hopefuls could stand to save a whopping amount of money – but if they get it wrong, it could indeed be an extremely costly mistake.

Kicking off the series, Sarah heads to East Sussex where she meets Terri Measures. She isn't able to maintain her listed country cottage, and is desperate to sell up after her recent divorce.

Meanwhile, over in Nottingham, we meet the Watsons. They bought their four-bedroom semi-detached house in a bidding war five years ago, but are now facing selling at a loss.

These families are desperate to sell up and secure every penny they can get, but are they right to shun the high street professionals and sell online?



Sarah Beeny's How to Sell Your Home, Monday, Channel 4, 8.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
New Tricks BBC1, 9pm
Back in 1983, 16-year-old Amy Taskerland was murdered on the night of the school disco. More than 30 years later, the unearthing of a time capsule and the discovery of her voice on a mix tape inside prompts Miller and co to delve back into the case, starting by interviewing Amy's best friend Harriet and her former teacher Mr Hines. The recording features a strange mix of music and poetry, including words from a speech written in secret for the Queen for broadcast in the event of a nuclear war. But how did Amy get a copy of it, and was its secret nature the reason she was killed? Elsewhere, Miller enjoys her first romance since her divorce, while Gerry goes on his future son-in-law's stag night. Amy Nuttall (Emmerdale, Downton Abbey) and Jack Shepherd (Wycliffe) guest star. Last in the series.

TUESDAY
The BBC Children in Need Sewing Bee BBC2, 8pm
The competition returns for three special editions as 12 celebrities take to their sewing machines in a bid to raise money for this year's BBC Children in Need appeal and inspire viewers to get creative. The first four celebrities to face the expert eye of

Savile Row's Patrick Grant and sewing tutor May Martin as they take on an A-line skirt pattern challenge are doctor and TV presenter Dawn Harper, Hairy Biker Dave Myers, radio DJ and presenter Edith Bowman and actress Wendi Peters. Jenny Eclair presents.

WEDNESDAY
Surprise Surprise ITV, 8pm
New series. Holly Willoughby returns to make dreams come true for unsuspecting members of the public. Singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams gives the surprise of a lifetime to 21-year-old fundraiser Holly Addison from Staffordshire, while 26-year-old Jodi Bickley from Birmingham, who touched the hearts of thousands across the world by writing letters of love and hope, receives a dinner date with polymath Stephen Fry, as well as being treated to a musical performance by American pop star Nicole Scherzinger. Plus, two remarkable foster carers who have taken in more than 250 children are



Surprise Surprise, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

thanked for their dedication, and a woman who sponsored a boy in Africa through his education meets him for the first time.

Grayson Perry: Who Are You? Channel 4, 10pm
New series. The Turner Prize-winning artist spends time with people who are facing a crossroads or a crisis with their identity and represents each of them in some form of art, whether as miniatures, large tapestries, statues or pots. All of the works will be shown in the permanent collection of the National Portrait Gallery in a special display. In the first edition, he meets former politician Chris Huhne, Big Brother's Bit on the Side presenter Rylan Clark, single mother-of-five Kayleigh, who has recently converted to Islam, and Jazz, who was born a girl but has embarked on a course of male hormones to begin life as a man.

THURSDAY
Life Story BBC1, 9pm
Naturalist David Attenborough documents the universal story that unites humanity with every other animal on the planet – the journey through life, and the goal to continue the bloodline through offspring. This edition focuses on the first hurdle any animal will face, surviving infancy. Cameras follow flightless barnacle goose chicks as they strive to find food, leaping 400ft down a cliff from the ledge where they hatched. Meanwhile, in New Zealand, young fur seals have stumbled across a safe haven in which they can learn how to avoid predators, while deep in the Gobi Desert, the long-eared jerboa learns to use its impeccable hearing to catch insect prey.

FRIDAY
Marvel's Agents of SHIELD Channel 4, 8pm
New series. The comic-book drama returns following the explosive first-season finale, and Agent Phil Coulson is ready to start rebuilding SHIELD. Hydra is also on a recruitment drive, with members including The Kraken circling SHIELD. So as the agents try to find new allies, who can they trust – and who has an ulterior motive for getting involved?

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. An error because of vision (9)
8. Evil may exist thus (4)
9. Company on the move describe race conditions (4,5)
10. Ordinary girl with lion's head (6)
11. Girl seen in a dream - a vision, in fact (5)
14. 50-50 chance of missing tip-top happenings (5)
15. Spiritual charge involving healing (4)
16. Ground heart (5)
18. Goals to finish with (4)
20. It's enough to put a politician in the drink! (5)
21. Games in southern seaside town (5)
24. Relieved of the trouble of painting the resort red (6)
25. The state of the match (9)
26. Rest without fat (4)
27. What the model on trial as professional secretary will do? (9)

Down

1. Clumsy person made to bend ruler (9)
2. Business expenses are beyond bosses? (9)
4. 8 covering the features (4)
5. Spirit shown by graduate in dance (5)
6. Sarcastic about metal? (6)
7. As a clue it may be thin (4)
9. Such fleas are not the real thing (5)
11. Worth of 22? (5)
12. Adherent is one to drink beer? (9)
13. Protect worker who stands in the dock (9)
17. Rapacious monster with strings to pluck? (5)
19. Ghostly pluck? (6)
22. Send some more mittens (5)
23. How many are needed by 25? (4)
24. A tailor's bargain? (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

3. Self-possession (9)
8. Needle-case (4)
9. Richer (6,3)
10. Sailor (6)
11. Bush (5)
14. Shelf (5)
15. Correct (4)
16. Pulls (5)
18. Acid (4)
20. Commerce (5)
21. Instruct (5)
24. Brook (6)
25. Haughtiness (9)
26. Sharp (4)
27. Resolve (9)

Down

1. Stupid (9)
2. Completely (3-3-3)
4. Portent (4)
5. Small piece of land (5)
6. Shoot (6)
7. Break (4)
9. Uncovered (5)
11. Shatter (5)
12. Don't gain or lose (5,4)
13. Don't worry (5,4)
17. Condition (5)
19. Distant (6)
22. Demand (5)
23. Release (4)
24. Look at (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >								
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Back; 3 Courting; 8 Adam; 9 Half-fare; 11 Drawing-paper; 13 Seethe; 14 At will; 17 Crossword fan; 20 Academic; 21 Anti; 22 Detested; 23 Myth. Down: 1 Brandish; 2 Charrade; 4 Orange; 5 Refractory; 6 Irate; 7 Glee; 10 Air-hostess; 12 Blandish; 15 Infancy; 16 Awhile; 18 React; 19 Hand. QUICK - Across: 1 Mole; 3 Complete; 8 Rage; 9 Disorder; 11 Intermediary; 13 Garret; 14 Scribe; 17 Schoolmaster; 20 Honoured; 21 Crop; 22 Preceded; 23 Omit. Down: 1 Marriage; 2 Lighter; 4 Opined; 5 Provincial; 6 Elder; 7 Earn; 10 Irresolute; 12 Decrepit; 15 Interim; 16 Allege; 18 Canoe; 19 Whip.

Quiz

1. Which disease is popularly called 'the itch'?
2. To which animal family does the Kinkajou belong?
3. Which career did Keats abandon for poetry?
4. What is the governing body of English horse racing?
5. Which country's name, in its native language, means land of the long white cloud?
6. Which French King Louis was called the Sun King?
7. Which bird lays the largest egg in relation to its own size?
8. Who wrote and directed the film High Hopes in 1989?
9. What was the nationality of the artist Paul Klee?
10. What relation of Queen Victoria was Belgium's Leopold I?

Last week's solutions:

QUIZ: 1 Macduff; 2 Monkey; 3 Kent; 4 Jayne Mansfield; 5 Le Mans; 6 Rudyard Kipling; 7 Philippines; 8 Leiden; 9 Aire; 10 Spain. Niner: MODERNIST

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

438746 gives an American state,
9381986 gives a German city,
3562436 gives a place in Cheshire.

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This is a real delight considering the last 5 years have been very slow and sluggish with a near halt in new activity. Luckily, as anticipated, the UK has come out of two recessions very quickly and fiercely, with numbers now back ahead of the pre-recession levels.

We are finding that the experienced buy to let

landlords are back and growing their portfolios with confidence again and this really is an important part of the market. Research by Mortgages for Business points to a greater uptake of 5 year fixed rate products – a number which has more than doubled since 2012. One year fixed rate deals are more or less obsolete with smart investors now adopting fixed rate deals in order to protect themselves from predicted rate rises.

Investors are conscious of the recent warning from Bank of England Governor Mark Carney that interest rates will go up. However, he has promised they will be materially lower in the medium term

than they have been historically. Nevertheless he has cautioned that a rise will have to be made soon if wider economic problems are to be avoided. It was inevitable that the base rate would not remain at a historic low of 0.5 percent forever. Many investors would have enjoyed a good five year run if they were on a tracker rate.

Lloyds Bank, in particular, are currently offering new customers an iPad mini in the latest attempt by lenders to attract mortgage borrowers. Fixed five year rate deals provide certainty to landlords and with a choice of 128 products on the market today, maybe now is good time to shop around for

that deal.

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Bloor in promise on fuel bill savings at their homes

FAMILIES across **Wednesbury** could enjoy savings of up to **£556*** a year in lower energy bills according to award-winning house-builder, **Bloor Homes**.

Indeed, as home owners across the West Midlands prepare to switch on their heating for the first time this Autumn, Bloor Homes is encouraging potential purchasers to consider

the advantages of buying a new build home at its nearby **Satchwell Grange** development in **Wednesbury**, which the award-winning housebuilder says could save them up to 40 per cent on their heating costs.

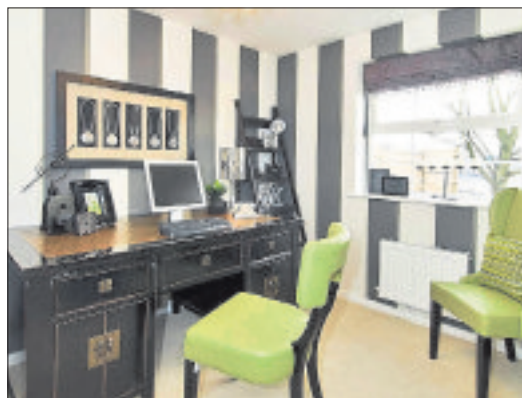
The savings were calculated by comparing the average energy usage of a second hand property to that of high specification new build designs, and suggests that to upgrade an older property to the same new build standards could cost up to **£30,000**. All Bloor Homes designs feature the latest energy efficient boilers for heating and hot water, excellent wall and loft insulation to reduce heat loss and double-glazed windows and doors.

One Bloor Homes' purchaser to recognise the benefits which living in a new build home can bring is **Daniel Moore**, who explained: "I've always preferred new build homes - I like the idea of everything being new and the fact that the home is a blank canvas. Much more than that, purchasing a new home actually saves you money because it's energy efficient, with better insulation and eco-friendly appliances."

Prospective purchasers can choose from a fantastic selection of energy efficient Bloor Homes at **Satchwell Grange**. Prices in **Wednesbury** start from **£325,000** for a four bedroom design and there are a range of incentives available including **Help to Buy** and Bloor Homes' part exchange scheme, **Home Exchange**.

Please contact the sales adviser on 0121 505 1812 or satchwell.grange@bloorhomes.com. It's now last chance to buy at **Satchwell Grange**, and viewings are by appointment only. The homes are located on **Finery Road**, off **Woden Road West**, **Wednesbury**, **West Midlands**, **WS10 7TB**.

* Research study by **National Energy Services**, commissioned by the **New Homes Marketing Board**, found living in a new home could save up to **£556** a year on average energy bills compared with older-style homes



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EPC: E



BLOXWICH
LICHFIELD ROAD

- PLEASANTLY POSITIONED THREE BEDROOM SEMI REQUIRING A DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT
- EXCELLENT POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- GARAGE AND PARKING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING VIA AGENT!

£134,950 OFFERS

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REDUCED

EPC: D



BEECHDALE, WALSALL
HADLEY WAY

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY WITH GARAGE TO THE REAR
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- ATTRACTIVE ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- INTERNAL VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!!

£94,950 FIXED PRICE

MANAGERS CHOICE

EPC: E



REEDSWOOD, WALSALL
PARKVIEW CRESCENT

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SHOWER ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- LOUNGE AND DINING AREAS
- EXTENDED KITCHEN
- GARAGE AND BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£134,950 OFFERS

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<p>NEW EPC: C</p> <p>BLOXWICH ABINGDON WAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANT CORNER POSITIONED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY • OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO RELATED CHAIN • THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE AND KITCHEN • LOVELY MAINTAINED GARDENS • OFF ROAD PARKING • VIEWING RECOMMENDED!! <p>£96,950 OFFERS</p>	<p>NEW EPC: TBC</p> <p>BLOXWICH GLASTONBURY CRESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANT THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME PURCHASERS • LARGE FULL WIDTH FITTED DINING KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND HOB • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM • GS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED!! <p>£97,500 OFFERS</p>	<p>NEW EPC: TBC</p> <p>BLOXWICH ODELL ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY SITUATED IN POPULAR AND CONVENIENT LOCATION • THREE BEDROOMS • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • FITTED KITCHEN • BATHROOM WITH SHOWER • GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC <p>£99,950</p>	<p>NEW EPC: E</p> <p>BLOXWICH CHURCH STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANTLY APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED PROPERTY SITUATED CLOSE TO BLOXWICH TOWN CENTRE • TWO BEDROOMS • LOUNGE AND DINING ROOMS • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING & GAS CENTRAL HEATING • INTERNAL VIEWING STRONGLY <p>£94,500 OFFERS</p>	<p>NEW EPC: E</p> <p>LEAMORE, WALSALL BEATRICE STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR TO GREEN LANE, WALSALL • THREE BEDROOMS • UPSTAIRS BATHROOM WITH SHOWER • FRONT AND REAR GARDENS • GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE <p>£84,950 OFFERS</p>	<p>REDUCED EPC: E</p> <p>BEECHDALE, WALSALL PRIESTLEY ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY SITUATED IN BEECHDALE AREA OF WALSALL • TWO BEDROOMS • GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM & MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • UPSTAIRS BATHROOM, REAR GARDEN, OFF ROAD PARKING <p>£79,950</p>	<p>REDUCED EPC: C</p> <p>BLOXWICH RYLE STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED, RE-FITTED CORNER PLOT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR THE YOUNG FAMILY • THREE BEDROOMS • NEW KITCHEN AND BATHROOM • POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (STPP) • PLEASANT REAR GARDEN • OFF ROAD PARKING <p>£105,000 OFFERS</p>	<p>REDUCED EPC: D</p> <p>REEDSWOOD, WALSALL CONWY CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE • VERY NICE TWO BEDROOM MODERN PROPERTY CONVENIENT FOR M6 MOTORWAY LINKS • GAS CENTRAL HEATING • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • LEFT REAR LOUNGE WITH FRENCH DOORS • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH <p>OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £110,000</p>
<p>EPC: F</p> <p>PELSALL OLD TOWN LANE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHARMING VICTORIAN STYLE END TERRACED RESIDENCE SITUATED IN POPULAR PELSALL VILLAGE LOCATION • TWO BEDROOMS, GENEROUS REAR GARDEN • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • FITTED KITCHEN • GENEROUS REAR GARDEN <p>£134,950 OFFERS</p>	<p>EPC: D</p> <p>LOWER FARM, BLOXWICH MATLOCK CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELL PRESENTED AND WELL MAINTAINED FAMILY HOME • CLOSE TO LOCAL AMENITIES • THREE BEDROOMS • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH SHOWER • GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • LOVELY ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN <p>£129,995</p>	<p>EPC: D</p> <p>WALSALL BENTLEY DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANTLY APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • FITTED KITCHEN • FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER • GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • LOVELY ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN <p>£120,000 OFFERS</p>	<p>EPC: TBC</p> <p>BLOXWICH, WALSALL HARRISON STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VICTORIAN STYLE TERRACE IN CONVENIENT LOCATION NEAR TO BLOXWICH HIGH STREET • SPACIOUS 20FT THROUGH LOUNGE/ DINING ROOM • TWO BEDROOMS • UPSTAIRS BATHROOM • NO UPWARD CHAIN • IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE!! <p>£99,500 OFFERS</p>	<p>EPC: D</p> <p>BEECHDALE, WALSALL REMINGTON ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANT MID TOWN HOUSE • THREE BEDROOMS • KITCHEN DINER • LOUNGE • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING • GAS CENTRAL HEATING • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY! <p>£94,950 OFFERS</p>	<p>EPC: D</p> <p>BLOXWICH ABBEY SQUARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANT EXTENDED MID TOWN HOUSE THOUGHT IDEAL FOR A YOUNG FAMILY • THREE BEDROOMS • SPLIT LEVEL SITTING/ DINING ROOM • FITTED KITCHEN • GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • PLEASANT FRONT AND REAR GARDENS <p>£95,000 OFFERS</p>	<p>EPC: C</p> <p>BLOXWICH CRESWELL CRESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANTLY APPOINTED TRADITIONAL END TOWN HOUSE WITH TWO STORY SIDE EXTENSION • THREE BEDROOMS AND LOFT ROOM • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • FITTED KITCHEN • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH SHOWER • GARAGE AND CONCRETE PRINT <p>£115,000 OFFERS</p>	<p>EPC: E</p> <p>DUDLEY FIELDS, BLOXWICH CENTRAL DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASANT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY • GAS CENTRAL HEATED • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS • THREE BEDROOMS • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • GENEROUS REAR GARDEN • OFF ROAD PARKING • NO UPWARD CHAIN! <p>£110,000 OFFERS</p>

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FEATURED PROPERTY

EPC D



WILLENHALL
HONEYBOURNE WAY

- Modern Semi Detached
- Through lounge/dining room
- Sitting room
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Luxury refitted shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

OFFERS OVER £150,000

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

EPC D



SHORT HEATH
REID AVENUE

- Superb modern dormer bungalow
- Corner plot location
- Three double bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Large lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Driveway
- Corner gardens

£149,950

FEATURED PROPERTY

EPC D



COPPICE FARM
BEMBRIDGE CLOSE

- Impressive extended modern semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious lounge with dining area
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Conservatory
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Landscaped rear garden

£140,000

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EPC D



WILLENHALL
NOOSE LANE

- Exceptional Much Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Large Dining Kitchen
- Utility
- Double Garage
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Extensive Rear Gardens

£185,000

EPC D



WILLENHALL
BARMOUTH CLOSE

- Modern Style Detached Property
- Large Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility with Guests WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Integral Garage
- Gardens
- No Chain

£165,000

EPC C



COPPICE FARM
ROSEWOOD DRIVE

- Much improved modern semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Superb newly fitted dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

£160,000

WANTED
MRS W IS LOOKING
FOR A THREE
BEDROOM SEMI
DETACHED
PROPERTY IN
SHORT HEATH
PLEASE CALL NIKKI
FOR MORE DETAILS

EPC C



BENTLEY, WALSALL
TENBURY CLOSE

- Superb Modern Style Semi Detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Brand New Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Delightful Landscaped Rear Gardens
- Planning Permission for Two Storey Side Extension

£140,000

EPC D



WOODLANDS ESTATE
WOODSIDE WAY

- Superb modern style semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Conservatory
- Shower room
- Garage and driveway
- Pleasant rear garden
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- No chain

£135,000

EPC C



WILLENHALL
NEWLANDS CLOSE

- Extended Modern Link Detached
- Hall
- Lounge
- Family / Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Front & Rear Gardens

REDUCED TO £129,500

WANTED

MR CIS LOOKING
FOR A THREE
BEDROOM
PROPERTY UP
TO £115,000 IN
BENTLEY PLEASE
CALL BEN FOR
MORE DETAILS

EPC D



SNEYD PARK
CEDAR PARK ROAD

- Mid Terrace Property
- No Upward Chain
- Hall
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage
- Rear Gardens

OFFERS OVER £100,000

EPC E



WILLENHALL
LAKESIDE CLOSE

- Back To Back End Town House
- Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Front Garden
- No Chain
- Ideal Investment Property

£77,250

EPC C



WILLENHALL
KINGFISHER COURT, CLARKES LANE

- Superb First Floor Apartment
- Hall
- Lounge with Kitchen area
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Secured Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- No Chain

£72,000

EPC D



WILLENHALL
HALEY STREET

- Mid terrace property
- NO CHAIN
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Double glazing
- Part, gas central heating
- Driveway
- Rear gardens

£72,000

WANTED

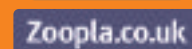
MRS K IS LOOKING
FOR A THREE
BEDROOM
DETACHED
PROPERTY IN
ESSINGTON UP TO
£300,000, PLEASE
CALL JESSICA FOR
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NEW INSTRUCTION



ESSINGTON
SNEYD LANE

- Impressive and impeccably appointed detached
- Four bedrooms
- 'L' shaped open plan lounge & dining room
- Superb refitted breakfast kitchen
- Family/sitting room
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Long driveway
- Pleasant front and rear gardens
- Utility
- Refitted bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden

£365,000

MANAGER'S CHOICE



BENTLEY
CHURCHILL ROAD

- Exceptional and beautifully presented modern style detached property
- Four good size bedrooms
- 24ft through lounge/dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Utility/wc
- Refitted bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden

£215,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



COPPICE FARM
GOREY CLOSE

- Extended modern style semi detached property
- Popular cul-de-sac location
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Rear gardens
- Driveway

£122,500

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<p>NEW EPC TBC</p> <p>Part Exchange and Help to Buy Facilities Available</p> <p>ESSINGTON KINGS CHASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Double fronted detached family home ● 10 year NHBC Warranty ● Reception Hall, Guests Cloaks/WC ● Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Study ● Kitchen, Dining Area, Utility Room ● Four Excellent Bedrooms ● En-suite Shower Room/WC, Bathroom/WC ● Single Garage ● Parking and Gardens <p>£318,995</p>	<p>NEW EPC TBC</p> <p>Part Exchange and Help to Buy Facilities Available</p> <p>ESSINGTON KINGS CHASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newly Built Detached Bungalow ● Entrance Hall ● Spacious Lounge/Dining Room ● Good Sized Breakfast Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom/WC ● Single Garage ● Driveway ● Large Gardens <p>£259,750</p>	<p>NEW EPC D</p> <p>WILLENHALL SANDRINGHAM AVENUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Superb impressively appointed extended semi detached ● Large sitting/dining room ● Well Appointed Newly Fitted Kitchen ● Utility with wc ● Three bedrooms ● Luxury newly fitted kitchen ● Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Block paved driveway ● Rear gardens <p>£159,995</p>	<p>NEW EPC C</p> <p>WILLENHALL WELLAND GROVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Modern Style Semi Detached ● Popular Corner Plot Position ● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Three bedrooms ● Three Bedrooms ● Garage ● Driveway ● Gardens ● No Chain <p>£140,000</p>	<p>NEW EPC E</p> <p>WILLENHALL ASTON RAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traditional style detached property ● Hall ● Lounge ● Dining room ● Kitchen ● Three bedrooms ● Shower Room ● Large Front & Rear Gardens ● No chain ● Majority double glazing <p>£125,000</p>	<p>NEW EPC E</p> <p>WILLENHALL CHILTERN DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Modern Mid Town House ● Three Bedrooms ● Lounge ● Dining Kitchen ● Conservatory ● Bathroom ● Double Glazing ● Driveway ● Rear Gardens <p>£108,950</p>	<p>NEW EPC TBC</p> <p>WILLENHALL CLARKES LANE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Semi detached property in convenient central location ● No chain ● Lounge ● Fitted kitchen ● Double glazing, gas central heating ● Guest wc ● Three bedrooms ● Refitted shower room ● Garage and driveway ● Corner plot gardens <p>£105,000</p>	<p>NEW EPC TBC</p> <p>WILLENHALL ROSEHILL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improved period style mid terraced property with No chain ● Three bedrooms ● Lounge ● Dining room ● Refitted kitchen ● Bathroom ● Double glazing ● Pleasant rear garden <p>OFFERS OVER £90,000</p>
<p>NO CHAIN EPC D</p> <p>HADLEY HEATH CHESWICK CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Well Presented Modern Link Detached in Popular Cul De Sac Location ● Hall ● Lounge ● Dining Room ● Conservatory ● Fitted Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating ● Garage, Driveway ● Front & Rear Gardens <p>£159,995</p>	<p>THREE BEDROOMS EPC C</p> <p>WILLENHALL WOLVERHAMPTON RD WEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Superb Modern Style Semi Detached ● Hall ● Lounge ● Dining Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Re-Fitted Bathroom ● Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating System ● Two Allocated Parking Spaces ● Delightful Side & Rear Gardens <p>£125,000</p>	<p>REDUCED EPC C</p> <p>NEW INVENTION HILTON ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Well presented mid terrace ● No chain ● Three good size bedrooms ● Hall with guest wc ● Superb refitted dining kitchen ● Lounge ● Refitted shower room ● Double glazing ● Gas CH ● Rear garden <p>£97,000</p>	<p>REDUCED EPC C</p> <p>BENTLEY DYSON CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spacious mid terraced property ● Lounge ● Dining kitchen ● Two large double bedrooms ● Bathroom with white suite ● Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Rear gardens ● Communal parking <p>£89,950</p>	<p>NEW EPC C</p> <p>SHORT HEATH SOUTHEY CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Much Improved Mid Terrace Property ● No Chain ● Hall ● Through Lounge ● Re-Fitted Kitchen ● Two Double Bedrooms ● Re-Fitted Bathroom ● Front & Rear Gardens ● Viewing Recommended <p>£89,950</p>	<p>NEW EPC D</p> <p>WILLENHALL HARRY PERKS STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mid terraced property ● Three good size bedrooms ● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Ground floor wet room ● First floor bathroom ● Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Rear garden ● Driveway ● No chain <p>£89,950</p>	<p>REDUCED EPC E</p> <p>WILLENHALL ST ANNE'S ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Period Mid Terrace Property ● Through Lounge / Dining Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Ground Floor Bathroom ● Three Bedrooms ● Double Glazing ● Garage ● Rear Gardens ● No Chain <p>£85,000</p>	<p>REDUCED EPC D</p> <p>WILLENHALL ALBION ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Period Mid Terrace in Convenient Location ● Lounge ● Dining Room ● Large Dining Kitchen ● Two Bedrooms ● Large Re-Fitted Bathroom ● Gas Central Heating ● Rear Gardens ● No Chain <p>£79,950</p>

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- Bathroom

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- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden
- No Pets
- DHSS Considered
- NO REFERENCING FEES

Monthly Rental Of £475

West Street Walsall

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

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- White Goods Included

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- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted

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- Fitted Kitchen

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- DHSS Accepted
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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- DHSS Accepted
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- Double Glazing & Electric Heating

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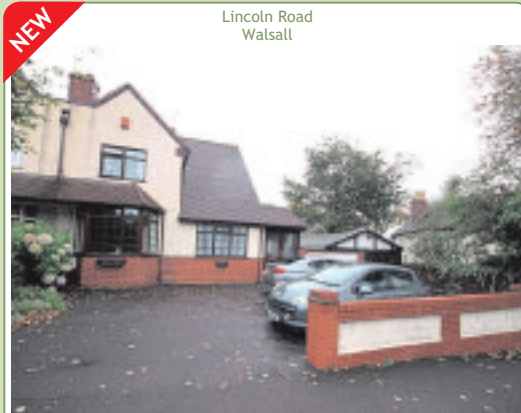
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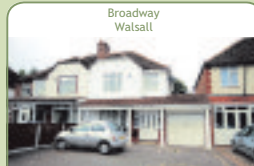
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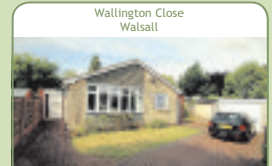
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- Breakfast Kitchen
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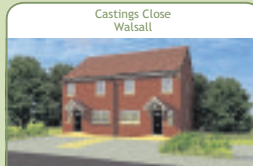
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- Utility
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- In Need of Modernisation
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Side Passageway
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Block Paved Driveway
- Garage

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- Open Plan Lounge/Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
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£150,000



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- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliance
- Family Bathroom

Offers in the Region Of £142,500



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- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
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- Ground Floor Wet Room

Offers in the Region Of £139,950



Allens Lane
Walsall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden with Vehicle Access

Offers in Excess of £135,000



Oakridge Close
Willenhall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Entrance Porch

Offers in the Region Of £132,500



West Bromwich Road
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Double Bedrooms

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- Cloakroom W.C.

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £120,000



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Walsall

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- Entrance Hallway
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

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Willenhall

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom with Shower Enclosure

Offers in Excess of £110,000



Walkers Fold
Willenhall

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

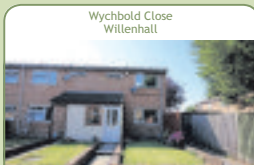
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- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge with French Doors
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Secure Gated Complex

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Willenhall

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Guest W.C.
- Master Bedroom with Walk-In Wardrobe

Offers in Excess of £100,000



Central Drive
Walsall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom with Shower
- Front, Rear & Side Gardens

Offers in Excess of £100,000



Hawbush Road
Walsall

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Side Entrance
- Utility/Guest W.C.

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Walsall

- Extended Three Bed End Terrace
- Immaculately Presented
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen

Offers in the Region Of £95,000



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Walsall

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Out-Buildings/W.C.

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Walsall

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- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen

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- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Double Bedrooms

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- Double Glazing

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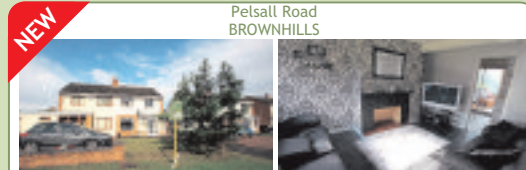
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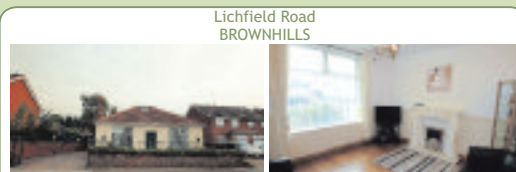
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- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
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- Three Bedrooms, Master En-Suite And Family Bathroom
- Rear Gardens, Double Garage

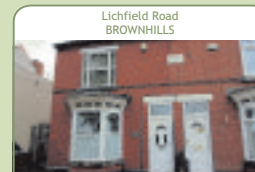
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Mill Road
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- Three bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas central heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Area
- Kitchen, Conservatory

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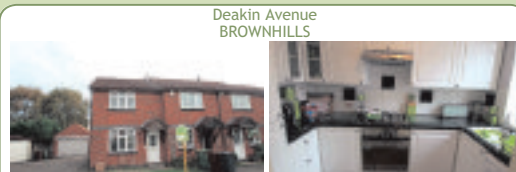
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- Three Bedrooms

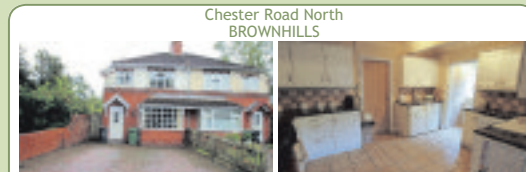
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- Lounge/Dining room, Kitchen, Conservatory,
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden, Off Road Parking and Double Garage
- Chain Free

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- Extended Semi Detached Home
- Popular Brownhills Location
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- NO CHAIN

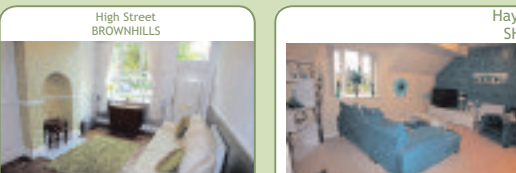
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- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner

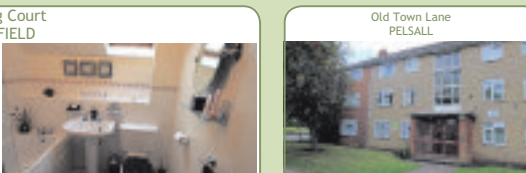
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- Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Rear

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New engine makes V40 even more tempting buy

By Ian Donaldson

Volvo continues to disentangle itself from a former owner with the introduction of new, more powerful and economical engines to its biggest selling range, the V40 hatchback.

For years Volvo was the prestigious, Swedish outpost of the Ford empire and, naturally, used Ford engines. Indeed a lot of other Ford bits too, in places where a buyer wouldn't see them, or care.

Now owned by Chinese company Geely, but with the same sensible, practical approach to all things mechanical that marks out Scandinavian design the world over, comes a set of new petrol and (much more important in the UK), diesel power units.

We're already the biggest buyers of the V40 line up in the world, with most UK sales going to company car users, and the extra tailpipe cleanliness of the latest diesel will only make the V40 an even more tempting buy, with lower pull on the monthly pay cheque.

Within the next 18 months every new Volvo will have an engine designed and built in-house. The new motors, called Drive-E, share enough design features to make them easier to build and mean a whole clutter of other designs can soon be ditched.

It's a change for the good, with the diesel putting out a class leading 190 horsepower and emitting few enough tailpipe nasties to qualify for zero road tax.

Positive

Against some seriously impressive opposition (think VW Golf, BMW 1 Series, Mercedes-Benz A-Class), the V40 impresses with its quietness, even from the cold start that usually has a diesel sounding like pebbles rattling round an empty oil drum.

It pulls well too, helped by a pleasantly positive gearchange and light clutch and recedes into a barely audible hum at a motorway cruise, where a lot of V40s are going to spend a lot of their working lives.

A mildly spirited drive showed an encouraging 54mpg on the nicely readable dashboard, where everything works the way you think it ought, in a very ordered Swedish way. You wouldn't believe how complex some car makers (think Japanese, often) can make the business of working a button or two.

The SE spec car seen here rode well on 17inch wheels, in contrast to the larger, fancier looking 18inch alloys on an automatic R-Design V40 tried later, which was not nearly as impressive.

That car's new eight-speed auto 'box took the toil out of traffic queues and changed with an imperceptible slur of revs and will be the perfect companion for citybound users. It showed 42mpg on test, still a decent result and worth the £1,550 asking price.

The latest V40 range starts at £18,995 but you suspect a lot of sales will centre on the well equipped, diesel engined SE Nav trim model, costing £25,770 before raiding an options list that tempts as much as any German prestige car makers range.

Every V40 has a pedestrian airbag hidden under the bonnet (a world first) and the range is the safest car ever tested by the respected EuroNCAP organisation. Very Swedish, that.

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Aldridge fire first and then finish it

Aldridge 41 Chaddesley Corbett 15
THERE was less than a minute on the clock by the time Aldridge had posted their first score – from the kick-off, some slick handling through numerous hands with good support play swept the ball up to the visitors line with debutant lock Dan Lastun getting the touch down between the posts.

Fullback Alex Yates converted. Fifteen minutes in, a penalty from full back Rob Burton reduced the deficit for the visitors as they began to claim more of the game.

Winger Jacob Holding eventually crossed mid way through to ease Aldridge's frustration. Yates added the conversion and 10 minutes later added a penalty.

Chaddesley kept going and Burton crossed in the corner – also converting.

The second half belonged to Aldridge as four tries were scored – centre Dean Platts crossed out wide No.9 Adam Reed sprinting over the line.

No.10 Harry Baldock converted both to clinch the bonus points. A second try from Burton for Chaddesley reduced their deficit but the match was finally put to bed with a brace of tries by No8 Chris Balmforth.

NFL deal could see road games

ENGLAND matches could be taken around the country again from 2018 if the Football Association secures an NFL franchise.

The FA has made winning an American football franchise to be based at Wembley a priority and it is understood that would open the way to holding a few England games away from the national stadium.

During the construction of the new Wembley, England matches were held in packed stadiums in different parts of the country including Villa Park, Old Trafford, The Stadium of Light and St James' Park.

The FA agreed a deal to play all England games at Wembley until 2017 but there will be some flexibility when that current deal ends.

That could see games such as last month's friendly against Norway played at a regional venue. Securing an NFL franchise would be lucrative for the FA.

Dean is calm over Grimes

DEAN Smith does not believe Ashley Grimes is ill-disciplined – even though he admits the forward was fortunate to avoid a "very silly" sending-off at Rochdale.

Grimes has been booked more than any other Saddlers player this season and was shown his third yellow card of the campaign during the first half of last Tuesday night's game.

"I haven't had chance to sit down with him yet," said Smith.

"If he had been sent off for kicking the ball away, it would have been a very silly reaction. He has a number of bookings already."

Pics move up to fourth spot with win

Rushall Olympics 3 Workington 0
GOALS from Nathan Rooney, Charlie Reece and Aaron Farrell sent the Pics up to fourth spot in the Evo-Stik Premier League.

The scoreline could have been greater in what was the first-ever meeting between the sides if fine shots from Rooney and Kris Taylor had gone in instead of hitting the bar.

The game got off to a quiet start with Jake Heath's shot being deflected for a corner and from the resultant cross Jack Duggan headed wide.

The visitors replied with a speculative long-range effort from Conor Tinnion which was well wide.

Rushall hit back and full-back Zac Martin did well when his strong run ended with a pass to Taylor whose dangerous cross was headed away. There was a blow for the Pics

Football

though on 17 minutes when Martin was injured and had to leave the field to be replaced by Reece.

Taylor dropped to left-back but the visitors had the next effort when Martyn Coleman volleyed over.

Rushall came close to taking a 24th-minute lead when a fine shot from Rooney beat Stuart Dixon in the Workington goal only to rebound off the bar and then a fine cross from Taylor flashed across the six-yard box with no-one able to get a touch.

Workington who were battling gamely then saw Aden Wainwright curl a shot wide and the same player then hit a free-kick straight at Cameron Belford.

A minute before the interval Rushall were

almost ahead when great play from Aaron Williams saw him display his determination and strength and his shot was palmed away by Dixon for a corner.

From the resultant kick the ball was headed out to Rooney who fired home from the edge of the box.

Workington hit back immediately from the kick-off but Gavin Skelton glanced a header wide.

The home side made a storming start to the second half and almost doubled their lead two minutes in but Taylor's shot cannoned back off the bar.

But just two minutes later they did increase their lead with a goal that Workington goalkeeper Dixon will want to forget.

Reece picked the ball up, advanced a few yards, then hit a 30-yard shot that the keeper appeared to have had covered. How-

ever, to his horror, the ball squirmed from his grasp and trickled over the line.

The Reds responded and Tinnion displayed some trickery but shot straight at Belford. On the hour mark the game was as good as over when the home side went three up with Farrell heading home Reece's corner.

After that the home side saw out the game quite comfortably.

Rushall: Belford, Christophorou, Martin (Reece 17), Heath, Duggan, Caines, Hildreth, Taylor, Williams, Rooney (Palmer 69), Farrell (Griffiths 61). Subs not used: Tolley, Craner.

Workington: Dixon, Calvert, Rowntree, May (McLuckie 53), Wordsworth, Skelton, Tinnion, Holdsworth, Coleman (Murray 63), Wainwright, Smith (Telfer 55). Subs not used: Tymon, Newby.

Butlin camps in the Boro's goalmouth

Loughborough University 0 Walsall Wood 3
WOOD turned in a footballing master class on the bowling green surface, arguably the best non-league football pitch in this or any country.

Two goals from Joey Butlin had set up the win but Tom Evans scored his first goal since April 2013 to hopefully complete his return after missing the whole of last season through injury.

Football

Wood put the students under pressure from the off but it was the home side who nearly went ahead on seven minutes, a long ball out of defence found Kurtis Bevan who quickly released Tom Read into the left of the box, keeper Dale Faultless racing from his line to make a great, full-length block save.

Wood worked a neat right wing corner move on 9 minutes, the ball played inside to Tom Evans whose first time effort bounced off the top of the bar. 4 minutes later it was Ben Evans cutting inside from wide left and firing a cross shot inches wide.

Two minutes later it was Craig Deakin powering into the right of the box, finding Joey Butlin whose lay back for Tom was hit first time, keeper Jake Weekes at full-stretch pushing the ball away.

A break out of defence on 17 minutes by Thomas Zaquell saw him put Read clear wide right, his cross hit first time into the ground by Jason Davies for Faultless to make an easy save. 3 minutes later a ball through the centre by Jordan Neild put Bevan in on goal, skipper Lee Stretton racing back to make an important challenge.

Wood went ahead on 21 minutes, courtesy of a slick

one-touch move left of centre involving Jamel Fuller, Ben and then Max Black whose clever ball put Butlin clear, his clinical low drive deservedly put Wood in front.

Walsall kept up the pressure and from the second of two corners on 30 minutes Weekes came off his line and missed the ball completely, the ball bouncing off a surprised Stretton's head just the wrong side of the post.

Then Weekes made amends, Tom raced clear wide right, crossed low into the box, the keeper saving bravely at the feet of Butlin.

Four minutes into the second half a lovely flowing right wing move involving Deakin and Butlin saw Aiton cross to the far post, Black inches away from making it 2.

An intricate one-touch left wing move on 56 minutes saw Aiton put Ben clear wide left, his ball inside was hit first time by Butlin only for it to be blocked by a brave last ditch challenge by Trotman, the ball rebounded back to the striker whose clinical low drive flew into the net.

The game was settled on 71 minutes, a sliced clearance by Weekes went straight to Tom who scored off a defender..

Sevens heaven for impressive junior squad



Walsall's U-15 rugby squad is enjoying success and are developing into a formidable squad

Walsall U-15s 77 Stourbridge 0
WALSALL Under-15s are beginning to develop into a formidable outfit.

They completely overwhelmed a courageous Stourbridge team. Scoring 13 tries, in their 77-0 victory.

Walsall dominated the whole of the first half, showing a lot of the move they had practised.

The rucking was first rate as was the ball handling, support and lines of running.

The Walsall defence was also strong when required. The first half try scorers were, Jamie Harding (3) Nico Watkins (3) Cameron Kirkbride, Ollie and Lewis Towers.

There were two conversions apiece for Jamie Harding and William Hennessey. Both teams were reorganised for the second half which made for a closer game.

Walsall still dominated and tries were scored by Jacob Lay, Sam Garrett, and a fourth each for Jamie Harding and Nico Watkins.

There was a conversion for William Hennessey and Jamie Harding. **Stourbridge 0 Walsall U-14s 12**

The game was played at a fast pace with both teams showing real tempo to their play.

Walsall's defence was excellent, halting all of the oppositions attacking moves. Walsall finally broke through Stour's tight defence when a strong surging run by Joe Birch secured the touch down. Joe Webster added the conversion.

The second half followed a similar pattern with both teams working hard to break through. It was the visitors that secured the only score. Good continuity skills put Max

Mason through for a try from 30 metres.

Many thanks to Stourbridge and their coaching staff.

Dudley Kingswinford 7 Walsall 39

There was another great team effort from the Under-14s against Dudley.

Tommy Cleary scored three tries. One each for Luke Cox and Joe Birch with Joe Webster being successful with a penalty and the conversions.

This was an impressive performance by the Walsall team and augurs well for the rest of the season.

Walsall U-11s also had convincing wins. They took both their matches at Redditch, 5-2 and 8-2

Walsall U-9s continue to impress. The squad played seven games at Redditch and achieved a very pleasing six victories.

Tries in final part of game are killers

Newport 48 Walsall 10
WALSALL conceded four tries during the final quarter to give the unbeaten league leaders a rather comfortable victory.

The visitors should have taken advantage of several scoring opportunities during the first half. But a David Mott try and a Roger Weston conversion and penalty were their only points.

Walsall defended well during the early exchanges with the front five forwards Benson and Weaver being very evident.

And they exerted a great deal of pressure. But squandered three fairly easy try scoring opportunities as well as being off target with penalty kicks.

Consequently they found themselves trailing 15-10 at the interval as the hosts broke through, scoring two tries and a penalty.

Newport continued to defend well, but the visitors were also guilty of committing crucial errors. The team's eagerness to attack led to errors which were seized upon by an efficient Newport outfit.

The hosts scored five tries with breaks out of defence during the final 18 minutes to consolidate their position at the top of Midlands One West.

Breeze is bulking up for TV fight

BLOXWICH'S Daniel Breeze wants to become a bully in the ring after bulking up for his big break on TV at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, writes *Craig Birch*.

The 18-year-old welterweight boxes in front of the BoxNation cameras in just his third professional contest, at the city venue on Friday, October 24.

After points landslide wins over Matthew Ashmole and Harjinder Gill, both in the Holte Suite at Villa, Breeze is still looking for his first knockout.

But the teen terror is training to become a beast on fight night, with new sponsorship allowing him to focus full-time on the sport.

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Purkiss hopes to turn luck

BEN Purkiss is hoping to shake off the tag of being Walsall's unluckiest man.

The Saddlers recent 1-0 win over Rochdale was his first appearance since March, yet the 30-year-old defender is unlikely to be counting too many chickens – the past year has been full of false dawns.

Whether missing through injury, ill-timed suspension or the form of others, Purkiss never catches a break.

"It's been unbelievable but you kind of have to deal with everything the game throws at you be it injury, be it sending off or other people who can play in your position," said Purkiss.

Manset's first for Saddlers does the trick

Rochdale 0 Walsall 1

WHAT a difference three weeks makes.

Just 21 days after they were humbled at Spotland the Saddlers gained some revenge, as they sent the hosts spiralling out of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Dean Smith's men survived a couple of first-half scares and five minutes of stoppage time to run out relatively comfortable winners.

Their victory came courtesy of the best move of the match, expertly finished by Mathieu Manset for his first goal for the club.

It has not been the best start to life at the Saddlers for the French striker but his much-improved performance was one of several highlights, in a side which featured six changes from the recent 1-1 draw with

Bristol City. Even more pleasing was a first away win of the season and progress in a competition where the Saddlers have failed to sparkle in recent years. For the first time in eight years, they are into the third round.

Changes, three of which were enforced, saw James Chambers, Billy Clifford, Ashley Grimes, Mal Benning and Manset return and there was a first appearance of the season for Ben Purkiss. James O'Connor, Reece Flanagan and Anthony Forde dropped to the bench, with Romaine Sawyers on international duty, Tom Bradshaw injured, and on-loan Andy Butler unavailable.

Manset showed his intentions from the very start, driving a shot into the side-netting via a slight deflection in the opening two minutes.

The hosts had grabbed an early lead in the league fixture but it was a while longer before they threatened on this occasion, with keeper Richard O'Donnell forced to push Ian Henderson's free-kick on to the bar on the quarter-hour mark.

Peter Vincenti then shot over from distance before Adam Chambers did superbly to block a goal-bound Ashley Eastham shot.

But the Saddlers stunned the hosts on 23 minutes when Manset put the finishing touch on a fine move which saw James Baxendale find Grimes, whose slide pass was deftly nudged by the Frenchman under home keeper Conrad Logan with the home defence waiting for an offside flag which never appeared.

The lead would have lasted for just three minutes but for Andy Taylor's brilliant

goal-line clearance of Matt Done's header after Vincenti had flicked on a corner.

However, the visiting defence was beginning to cope better with Dale's threat and but for a Jack O'Connell drive which flew wide of the post there was little else to concern them before the break.

Instead the Saddlers looked particularly sharp in the attacking third themselves and Grimes saw a shot blocked after latching on to a clever Baxendale flick.

Grimes was booked just before half-time for kicking the ball away and was fortunate not to see a second yellow.

Clifford struck an effort wide with six minutes remaining as O'Donnell saved smartly from Henderson as the game ticked into stoppage time but the hosts had done not nearly enough to earn a leveller.

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Paddock aiming to grab the title

LUKE PADDOCK will box Chris Truman for the now-vacant Midlands light welterweight title after champion Calum Cooper was forced to retire.

Aston's Truman has stepped in to co-challenge for the area belt with Bloxwich's Paddock at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Friday, October 24, in a bout to be screened by Box-Nation.

Birmingham's Cooper has hung up his gloves after failing a brain scan, which could have led to the British Boxing Board of Control revoking his licence for his own safety.

'The Trumanator' has credentials after already challenging for the Midlands crown once and has 12 wins from 18 pro outings, with four defeats.

The 30-year-old has avoided defeat in double the amount of bouts Paddock has on his entire paid ledger and has lasted the title distance three times.

He's gone all the way with new Commonwealth champion Dave Ryan and former British boss Lenny Daws, putting up a real fight in both contests.

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Lawley's late score enough

Cradley Town 0 Sporting Khalsa 1

A late winner by Brad Lawley snatched three points for Sporting Khalsa in a tepid and uninspiring clash.

Following the mid-week defeat against Hanley Town, Khalsa would have been looking for a dynamic performance to bounce back to form.

But against a Cradley Town side whose organised and spirited approach belied their league position, Khalsa were unable to carve opportunities.

Indeed, it was only an excellent performance by James Pemberton in the Khalsa goal that left anything to fight for in the closing stages.

Lawley grabbed a goal on 80 minutes but missed a free header before he finally did convert from close range after some great work down the left.

Romans go marching through the Wood

Rochester 2 Walsall Wood 0

Football
BOTTOM club Rochester with a new management team and fielding not one but nine new players frustrated Wood for 90 minutes by pulling 10 players back every time they went into the Romans' half.

After just three minutes Wood almost got caught out, the ball was hit out of defence up to Robert Ritchie-Smith who put Josh Williams clear right of the box, but for the only time of the game he got it all wrong, slicing a first time effort 10 yards wide.

Tom Evans won a right wing corner for Wood two minutes later, Anthony Juxon

Football

got in a header under intense pressure and put the ball just wide. On 8 minutes Lee Stretton found Jamal Fuller wide left, his cross found Joey Butlin, Tom Land denying him space and then winning the ball.

A long ball out of defence on 14 minutes was collected at pace by Williams, Stretton getting back to make an important tackle.

Disaster struck for Wood on 23 minutes, they lost the ball in the centre and it was played out wide left to Wayne Corden, who

cleverly made space before crossing the ball for Williams to glance a header across the keeper into the far corner of the net.

Eight minutes later, another Wood attack broke down and a quick ball forward found Ritchie-Smith who swept the ball left to the on-fire Corden, he cut inside and his curling far post effort brought a superb full-length save from Kisiel.

From the right wing corner, spring-heeled Williams put a header inches too high. It was Corden again on 37 minutes, scything through three tackles as he came inside from wide left before being stopped

in his tracks by Scott Cooper. The home side continued to frustrate Wood at the start of the second half before like the first, a long ball forward was collected at pace wide right by Williams, his driven low cross cut out by Juxon to deny Tom C Brown.

The Romans clinched the points on 65 minutes from a left wing corner. Nick Ward lost his marker and rifled a header into the roof of the net.

The last goalmouth action summed up Wood's afternoon, when Craig Deakin fired in a low right wing cross, Harry Harris and Butlin appeared to get in each others way.

SADDLERS WERE THE SECOND BEST

Oldham 2 Walsall 1

IN a clash between two in-form sides, Walsall were simply second best as Oldham took their unbeaten run to 10.

Mike Jones' deflected winner might have had an element of fortune about it, but it was no more than the hosts deserved from a game they could have had won by half-time.

Dean Smith's men failed to make the most of Jordan Cook's early opener and left with an unfamiliar feeling.

Not since December 2012, when they were thumped 5-1 by Coventry at the Ricoh Arena, had Walsall lost a game after scoring first.

Back then the hammering left Smith seemingly on the brink and, while the manager is now on much firmer ground, Saturday's result did rekindle some uneasy questions about the Saddlers' progress which had faded with the improved results of recent weeks.

Impressive

There had been a definite upturn in performance that brought wins over Doncaster and Rochdale and the impressive draw with leaders Bristol City.

But at Oldham the Saddlers, certainly in attack, were on a par with the worst they have been this term and their position in the early table remains precarious.

James Baxendale, who has shown signs of getting back to his best in recent weeks, was a non-factor for much of the game while An-

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thony Forde submitted perhaps his most anonymous performance in a Saddlers shirt.

Both at least have some credit in the bank due to recent exploits but that is not the case for Ashley Grimes, for whom Saturday must go down as one big wasted opportunity.

The forward was lucky not to pick up another unnecessary booking when he hauled down Joe Mills in the first half, yet did little else in the game.

It was doubly disappointing considering his efforts at Rochdale last Tuesday but it is going to take more than just flashes of brilliance to command a regular place in the side. Grimes may not have too many chances left.

His replacement, Mathieu Manset, did at least provide some spark in the final third and on another day might have grabbed an undeserved equaliser.

Perversely, when you consider this was the largest number of goals conceded by the Saddlers since last month's 4-0 defeat at Rochdale, the best two performances came in defence.



Conor Wilkinson gets in a shot for Oldham during the match against Walsall where they became eventual winners

Star take Longdon by one

Walsall Sunday Challenge - Group B
LONGDON Chet 2 Erdington Star 3

DFL League Trophy - Group A
Ros Park 1 Duke of Wellington 4

DFL League Trophy - Group D
Dog FC 12 Saddlers Arms 3; Wych Elm FC 4 Queens Head FC 1

League One
Alma 1 Swan 2; Walsall Phoenix 1 Pelsall Colts 2

League Two
Hussey Arms 1 Oak Park Rangers 3; Trent Valley Rovers 1 Burnwood Star 3; Burnwood Town Res. 2 Green Rock Tav 1; Cellular Door 1 Gunners FC 6; W'hall 3 Crowns 5 AFC Collingwood 4.

Jack Donnelly Cup - Round two

Dr. Johnson 2 Shelfeld 3

Lichfield Charity Cup - Round one

GS Rockets 6 Scales FC 2

Staffs Sunday Premier Cup - Round one

New Inns 2 Bignall End 3; Prince of Wales 1 Whittington Untd. 0

Staffs Sunday Challenge Cup - Round one

AFC Bush 5 Bulls Head 3; Anchor FC 1 Little Stoke 2.

Season opener brings victory

Pershore 0 Bloxwich 3
BLOXWICH Men's hockey firsts started their season with a comfortable win.

Phil Ashcroft bobbled home Bloxwich's first goal and Eddie Marrocco swept home another goal just before Matt Whitehouse slotted in Bloxwich's third.

This week Bloxwich play Droitwich at home.

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